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WHAT! MISSING! OVER $1,000

Derrick This Looks Dark—The Reports of P. E. Fredericks,

Of the Sierra Leone Conference, and That of Treasurer Irons Do Not Compare With Your Figures—Once More, Have You Anything to Say?

The following correspondence and documentary records concludes, for the present, Missionary Ridgel's say anent certain relations existing between himself and the official head of the Board of Foreign Missions of the A. M. E. connection. Opinions will be varied, but The Freeman is unwavering in the belief that good will ensue from it. This is said with our gaze raised above the mere individual in our desire to serve the many rather than the few, the race rather than a faction, the truth rather than falsehood. Permeated with this spirit, speaking as the foremost mouthpiece of the Afro-American no further explanation is neccessary.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

HOWE STREET,
FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE,
JUNE 28, 1894.

DEAR BROTHER RIDGEL:

I was glad to receive your letter, but sorry to know that you were not well, at least after you returned from Bassa. I knew you would find things a little different from what you experienced here, but, as you justly remarked, better could not be expected under the circumstances. I have always said that the people in Liberia have not been well treated. Surely the missionary department ought to have done more for them since Bishop Payne and the Mite Missionary Society took up our work. We are now equally at their mercy.

You will see from the account enclosed what was done for this work during last year. I am sorry I hadn't the time to copy the items of expenditures, but if they will publish the report you will see, for I send the whole over to America. If even Derrick takes in all that we received from the M. M. Society and the Boat Committee, with the $350 sent to Liberia, he could not make $3,629.61 reported by his account. But even then he would have to account for over $1,000. If Liberia could only report as I have done their receipts against mine! If they publish them, the question must naturally arise, what has become of the balance? If the people continue to be blind to the fact that their money is misappropriated, it is their fault. It will come to light however. I am ready to support your statement. I know Derrick has been trying to stab me, as well as you, but I am praying for grace not for revenge. Yet for the good of the church I think we ought to give publicity somehow to all this fraud.

Yours fraternally, J. R. FREDERICK.

SIERRA LEONE ANNUAL CONFERENCE,
REV. J. R. FREDERICK, P. E.

RECEIPTS OF MISSION MONEYS FROM FOREIGN SOURCES FOR CONFERENCE YEAR 1893.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
From the P. M. M. Society—						
Jan. 11, Forwarded by Mrs. M. Campbell, - - -	20	8	2			
May 30, Forwarded by Mrs. M. Campbell, - - -	20	8	2			
Aug. 9, Toward building Maybelley church - -	41	3	0			
Nov. 6, Forwarded by Mrs M. Campbell, - - -	20	8	2			
Total, - - - - - - - -				102	7	6
From Annual Conferences—						
April 4, Forwarded by Bishop H. M. Turner, - -	60	0	0			
May 1, Forwarded by Bishop H. M. Turner, for Rev. Ridgel, - -	5	0	0			
Aug. 9, Forwarded by Bishop D. A. Payne, - - -	143	8	10			
Nov. 6, Forwarded by Bishop D. A. Payne, - - -	61	19	0			
Total, - - - - - - - -				270	7	10
From Other Sources—						
Jan. 24, By Dr. W. B. Derrick from Bishop Tanner,	10	0	0			
Jan. 24, Launch committee of New Bedford, - -	40	0	0			
Total, - - - - - - - -				50	0	0
Grand total, - - - - - -				422	15	4
				Or $2,029.28		

EXPENDITURES FOR 1893 TO MARCH, 1894.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Romanga Mission Station, total expenses, - -	62	8	0			
Laimray Mission Station, total expenses, - -	50	12	0			
Magbelley Mission Station, total expenses, - -	50	16	10			
East End Mission Station, total expenses, - -	62	17	6			
Gospel Banner Mission, total expenses, - - - -	8	3	6			
Building new mission boat, to expenses, - - -	48	19	6			
Building new church at Magbelley, total expenses	44	7	9			
Sundry other expenses, - -	81	19	6			
Balance against mission, December, 1892, - - -	58	8	3¾			
Total, - - - - - - - -				468	12	10¾
Receipts for 1893, - - - - - - - - -				422	15	4
Balance against mission, March, '94,				45	17	6¾
				Or $220.21		

JOHN RICHARD FREDERICK,
Presiding Elder Sierra Leone Annual Conference, African M. E. Church.

REPORT OF REV. CLEMENT IRONS, TREASURER OF THE LIBERIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, A. M. E. CHURCH.

Dear Father and Brethren—As Treasurer of your Conference I beg to make the following report: On April 8, 1893, I received from Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., $350, which has been expended as follows:

C. Irons, $48; E. T. Lewis, $24; James Wilson, $24; W. F. Chesson, $24; C. A. White, $24; A. Read, $24; J. P. Lindsey, $24; A. L. Brisbane, $24; G. G. Vreeland, $62 40; H. W. White, $4.80; W. F. Chessan, $4.80; Scott Baily, $24. There is a balance of $38 in the hands of the treasurer, which is at the disposal of the conference.

CLEMENT IRONS,
Treasurer Liberia Conference, A. M. E. Church.
May 7, 1894.

HON. P. B. S. PINCHBACK.
Now in easy retirement in Washington, D. C. The only living Afro-American who has enjoyed the distinction of being Governor of a great state.

SAYS EDITOR JOHNSON

To President Mitchell, "Your Demand for My Presence at

Wilberforce University is Preposterous, Irregular and Unlawful"—A Sharp, Well Written Declination.

OFFICE OF
EDITOR OF CHRISTIAN RECORDER,
631 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.,
Sept. 18, 1894.

REV. S. T. MITCHELL, M. A., D. D.,
President Wilberforce University,
Wilberforce, Ohio,

DEAR SIR:—Your communication addressed to me under date of Sept. 12th, is received. In reply, permit me to say that the action of the Executive Board of Wilberforce (at your insistence), asking "that you (I) submit to them full and explicit charges touching any phase of the government or life of said University," as well as your assumption of the right and authority to "demand your (my) presence at Wilberforce University on the nearest possible date to call witnesses and conduct the inquiries and formulate the methods of reformation," is such an unheard-of, preposterous, irregular and unlawful proposal, that I find myself quite unable to believe it was submitted seriously.

If you and they refer in this communication to certain editorial deliverances which I, as editor of the church organ (the Recorder) have thought proper to make, respecting Wilberforce and its government, (and for which I now, as then, assume entire responsibility to you, to Wilberforce and to the connection, retracting nothing) you shoot wide of the mark. It cannot have escaped such astute gentlemen that I have no shadow of right "to summon witnesses, conduct inquiries, and formulate methods of reformation," as you so flippantly propose. Wilberforce is the creature of the connection. Ministerial and Lay Trustees of the several Annual Conferences are charged with the employment of its faculty and all reforms in its management. Not I, nor you, nor the local Executive Board in the last resort. Just as I, the editor, am responiible to the Board of Publication and the General Conference that made me its editor. Not to you nor the local Executive Board of Wilberforce. You will perceive therefore, that I deny your right to issue any such peremptory summons or to suggest any such unlawful proceedure.

If you feel aggrieved by anything I have written, your remedy lies in the formulation of charges and specification by you against me and submission to those duly authorized to investigate the work and management of the editorial columns of the Recorder, to whom I shall ever be willing and happy to discover the reasons and basis for all my official utterances.

You are at liberty to publish this reply in any or all the secular papers to which your open letter to me was sent. Respectfully,

H. T. JOHNSON,
Editor Christian Recorder.

Good Political Speaking.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

We had good speaking at this place on the 24th and 25th, ult. Able arguments indeed were set forth by Hon. H. Clay Evans, candidate for Governor; also by Hon. A. L. Minns, candidate for Governor. Lawyer J. C. McAdams and Rev. J. A. Jones made good speeches at the dedication of the new cemetery. The ladies in line with their flowers, marched to the music of the Shelbyville band. Prof. P. W. Patterson's school is out. Dr. S. V. Tolby's school closed on the 8th, ult. Prof. R. G. Daniel is in the city. He and Prof. R. G. Whitesides discussed school matters on the 29th, ult., with the writer. W. B. Barber died on the 28th. He was out in the city on the 27th. Miss E. J. Little came home on the 29th, ult., after a few days stay in Wantrace. Rev. Strange is in the city. He will preach a few sermons at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Dr. Brown will lecture to the Douglass Literary society on the 5th inst. W. M. Daniel is on the sick list. The Tom Thumb Wedding at the A. M. E. church, was grand. The Broom Drill at Mt. Zion Baptist church was a success. The Turner night school will open on the 15th inst. Mrs. Sarah Blakemore and her daughters keep busy sewing. Mrs John Burkeen is some better. Mr. Sam Eaken will retire from the boarding house and work at the shoe making trade. Rev. Jno. Sebastian has been relieved of his labors for a few days. Rev. Eli McKinney came home for a few days to ship some hogs. Rev. A. Hill is in the city. Mrs. Nellie Clabran is at home after quite a stay at Chattanooga with her daughter, Miss Emma Whittaker. Capt. Jas. Jett left for Halafax on the 26th, ult. Miss Beattrace Trail was in the city on the 29th, ult. Prof. T. T. Ransom and wife were at home on the 25th, ult. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

Emancipation Celebration.

Great Bend, Kan., Special.

On the 22d, ult., the colored people of Great Bend celebrated the Emancipation Proclamation in Lafayette Park. C. W. Ervin was master of ceremonies. E. C. Cole gave a glorious talk on slavery, after which the Glee Club sung. W. C. Gladen talked on slavery. Several essays were read. In the evening a grand festival was held, one hundred persons being present. It was a financial success. The A. M. E. Sunday School will elect new officers tomorrow, by order of the superintendent Mrs. Sanders, who has been sick for several weeks, is convalescent. The members of the A. M. E. church are looking for their new pastor this week.

An Address Wanted.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.

Anyone acquainted with the whereabouts of Mr. Anthony or Millus Pool will please address through The Freeman to Mr. William Pool, 524 Troost avenue. Rev. Mrs. Kinley, of Butler Mo., visited her cousin and had a pleasant time while in Kansas City at Mrs. Lydia Harris', 912 Central street. Rev. H. B. Parks preached his second sermon Sunday at 11 a. m., from Cor. ix, 6-7: 'He that soweth bountifully shall also reap the same; he that sows sparingly shall reap likewise." Miss Mime Robinson died Saturday, Sept. 29. She leaves a host of friends. The Attuck club, under the auspices of Prof. Grisham, is quite beneficial for the young folks. Its room is in Masonic Hall, corner Sixth and Charlotte streets. Mr. Theodore Clay, of the Seventh and Eighth wards, the only colored man on the ticket for constable, was defeated, although he should have received the nomination.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., GLANCES.

Many Personal—Charming Entertainment Popular Men Elected.

Fayetteville, Ark., Special.

Rev. H. Moore preached an interesting sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock, from the text: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." His remarks were especially directed to the children, who gave him unstinted attention during its delivery. Mrs. P. A. Adams left Wednesday on a visit to the Territory, where her husband resides. Mrs. Sarah Moten, Misses Belle Moten and Lealia Cravens have returned from Eureka Springs. Mr. T. B. Littlejohn, the efficient mail clerk, is making quite a record in his profession by persistent study and a strict devotion to duty. Mrs. T. B. Littlejohn has been indisposed for some time, but is now convalescent. She is a strong friend of The Freeman, as is also Mr. Littlejohn. Miss Susie Pettigrew returned last week from teaching in Franklin county, Ark. She left again on the 29th, ult., to open school at Cincinnati, Ark., on October 1. Miss Lucy Taylor is preparing for the closing exercises of her school on White River. Mrs. Alice Peel gave a pleasant entertainment for the young ladies and gentlemen of the city. Mrs. Peel knows how to make the young folks happy. Refreshments of all kinds were served, after which the many gay invited guests retired for the evening, with many kind remembrances of Mrs. Peel.

Whenever any of the race wants anything in the line of jewelry of any kind, don't fail to call upon Mr. J. L. Duke, who will treat you with kindness and sell goods as low as the lowest. Remember Mr. Duke is a friend of The Freeman, and we should patronize those who help The Freeman. Mr. George T. Lake, our efficient sheriff, though a Democrat, was elected by a handsome majority. Mr. Lake has made a good sheriff, and his friends stood by him as was also done by Mr. Jack Walker, county clerk. The election returns indicated that the two above named gentlemen, and also Mr. W. J. Cook, were special favorites with the voters. The Knights of Tabor and the Daughters of the Tabernacle dedicated their hall Wednesday. The occasion drew many of the citizens to witness the ceremony, which was grand in the extreme. The sword drill was excellent. Mr. J. V. S. Howard is attending the Meharry Medical College at Nashville, Tenn. The school board is negotiating with the A. M. A. to buy the Henderson school. The trade is nearly consummated. The board is preparing to build a brick addition to the building. The Freeman agent is coming to see you soon. Have the money ready, as a paper of such great importance as The Freeman cannot be run on promises and praise. Rev. Seth Neal, pastor of St. James M. E. Church, has done a good work for the citizens, and we should show our appreciation through other mediums than commendation. Whenever drugs of any kind are needed or anything in the drugstore line, don't fail to call on Smith & Williams, also on Mr. W. H. Whitlow, as these gentlemen give colored men permanent jobs. They are not subscribers for The Freeman, but let us hope they soon will be.

A cantata is being arranged by the Henderson school for Thanksgiving night. If there is anything Mr. M. P. Powell wants to see, it is his children educated. These are the kind of men to build up a strong race. The colored men did heroic work during the fire Tuesday night. There was no color line drawn in such an emergency, but we are yet to see, from reading the city papers, that there was a colored man at the fire.

The "G. K. L. Interview."

Fort Wayne, Ind., Special.

The Industrial Society met at the home of Mrs. Charles Lachlin on Tuesday evening and a very delightful time was had, after which they adjourned to meet at Mrs. Sarah Dickerson, 31 Melila street. Mr. Frederick Gresham and Frank Dickerson left for Columbia City on Saturday evening to attend camp-meeting. Miss Bertha Gring is ill at her home, 72 Murray street. The G. K. L. Club has now published a paper called the Tri-monthly Interview, and every person interested in the society should read it, as there is none to equal the G. K. L. Club's Interview—50 cents a copy or $2 a year.

Mrs. Amanda Moten is able to be out again. The wife and daughter of Rev. G. W. Brown pastor of the A. M. E. Church, is quite ill at present. Mrs. Rhoda Jones has returned from a month's visit to the East, and is quite ill at her home, 19 Melita street. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Adams are glad to know that their little daughter Blanche is convalescing. Miss Manda Curry has again returned to our city. Mrs. John Brown is on the sick list. Mrs. Theodore Coats and her daughter, Miss Ruel, have been quite ill, but are improving.

In Honor of Capt. Jackson.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Mrs. Alice Harris, of 115 Carlisle avenue, is rapidly improving. Mrs. Jane Howard has returned from Sandusky, O., where she went to attend the funeral of her brother, George Vivian, a prominent K. P., who died suddenly at Springfield, O., with the heart disease. The banquet at the New Garden hotel, in honor of Capt George H. Jackson, was a grand affair, over one hundred persons being present. Avon Guards returned home Tuesday, the 25th, ult., from Springfield, O., carrying prize No. 2; Sciota County Cadets took 1st prize; Columbus, O., 3d prize. That makes Avon Guards the best drilled colored company in the state of Ohio, as Sciote Cadets were white. Capt. George H Jackson arrived here the 1st, inst. We are glad to hear that he will spend the winter with us. He wrote and told us that our Cincinnati Company was barred out of the sham battle; reason unknown. We have in our hall one of his pictures taken at Old Point Comfort, which we will send in a short time to The Freeman, so that all the race that reads The Freeman can look at the Captain, as champion of the S. T. C. As gun driller one gentleman said it was a fake at Springfield, so the Captain showed it was not a fake on the 24th of September, at Armory hall, at night at Springfield. Now Gen. Keefer, for that was his name, says altogether different.

"YOU OUGHT NOT TO LIE!!"

So Says Chancellor Mitchell to Dr. Williams, New Orleans.

The Southern Chancellor Handled by a "Heavyweight"—Is He Outclassed?—An Able, Comprehensive Resume.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

On the fifteenth of September last, there appeared in the issue of The Freeman an article signed by E. A. Williams, of New Orleans, attempting to refute a few historical facts advanced by me relating to the origin, development and progress of the order of Knights of Phythias. The facts, which he would refute were asserted in an article bearing my signature and published in an issue of The Freeman, September first. Those who have read my article, excepting Mr. Williams, will bear me out when I say this article contained not an element of personality or the slightest inference of malice toward Mr. Williams or any one else connected with the organization, or any one dead or alive who in times past had been connected with the order. This article plainly and definitely set forth the name of the mind which conceived and planned the life functions of the order of Knights of Pythias, the date and place from which dates the commencement of its promising and brilliant career on this continent.

That the love of race hatred and race persecution, which has ever characterized the conduct of majority of our white brethern, when they were considering our rights, made its power and influence felt in their castle halls and scarcely before our white brethern could intelligently comprehend the real object and purpose of the order and before they had adopted a national constitution, the representatives from the Grand to Supreme Lodge were instructed to have those words, made a part of the world's constitution: "White male persons shall be eligible for membership only." Notwithstanding the order has in it, some of the most learned and influential citizens of the Republic, these unchristian words remain in their constitution and is universally, more adroitly and patriotically obeyed than any other paragraph in that instrument of government. Despite all organized opposition and after repeated denials, a few respectable colored men were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the order by those who had been regularly initiated into all the mysteries of the order in a regular lodge, working under the control of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias of the world. This in brief, is the substance of the contents of my article which appeared in The Freeman on September first.

It will, therefore, be noted by those who perchance read my article that after reciting the historical events occuring in the life of the order; the burden of my complaint was against the unreasonable supposition, which our white Pythian brethern assumed to be true about us, namely, that we were spurious and imitative Knights, existing without any possible knowledge of the mysteries of the order etc. Putting it in the light which Mr. Douglass, past Supreme Chancellor, presents his estimation of us. "They are not Knights, they have symtoms of Knights of Pythias only." For some reason, known only to Dr. Williams, he deemed it expedient to contradict and deny every possible and implied fact advanced by me, in the article not withstanding that every ritual, constitution, digest, card bearing the August title of Sir E. A. Williams, M. D., Supreme Chancellor etc., yields undisputable evidence to the truth of every single historical fact, quoted and referred to by me in the article.

He goes further, steps beyond the limit of my statements and injects and introduces into his denial, a lot of extraneous matter, which every honorable Knight, no matter what side he is on, has reason to deplore. In course of his illusive efforts, it is quite difficult for me to determine the real object aimed at by the doctor for the simple reason that his frank violation of the law of Syntax, is as flagrant as the acts which characterized his official character as Supreme Chancellor. He begins his argument by assuming that he was defending his good character, all he possessed against a man, who had none. In my judgement, his position is quite difficult to sustain. All men have a character; it is either a good one or a bad one; you cannot bury it in the grave with its owner; it remains in the world of one's natural life; it is the lingering shades of a fleeing immortality. I love and will defend a good character at all times, no matter how the good character differs materially with me on vital questions. This is the plain duty of every honest man. In proof of this assertion I venture to say that at no time pending the controversy, between myself and the doctor, have I allowed myself to want only and ruthlessly attack his character. In every effort which I have made for reformation in the conduct of the order, in all of my utterance made in support of my efforts at reform, I have guarded well the character of the doctor, and I challenged the doctor to point to one single instance where I have failed. I am not equivocating; every step which I have taken in defense of the order from the moment of my enterance up to the present time, I am conscientiously and religiously satisfied with the reasonableness of it.

As for my own character, the doctor asserts that I have none. This is contrary to the rule, however, what proof he has for this assertion, I do not know, and care less, but in defense of my own name, I will say, I have never violated and ordinance law of my country; wronged my brother or laid slander to the door of my neighbor; can the doctor or any of his friends speaking for him, say as much for himself.

In regard to my knowledge of Pythian affairs, the doctor is of the positive opinion that I could not know especially of the data and facts and persons, who it is admitted communicated the secrets to us, when and where etc. I am rather surprised at the doctor taking such a position. Suppose some one should say I could not know who founded the government of the United States. Such a position would be analeguous to the position assumed by the doctor toward me I am a Knights of Pythias, the doctor himself confered the Past Chancellor's degree upon me. I will give the doctor's reason for denying me the right to know these facts. I quote him in his own language, so that no one will accuse me of misrepresenting the doctor, says he:

"Dr. Stringer and I went to see Mr. Rathburn in the Treasury at Washington, D.C., and he would not talk Pythianism to us, and the only sympathy we ever got from any white man came from Sir Valkenberg. He wrote Stringer and me upon my election, congratulating me, and this letter is in the bank among my private papers, he and no other living colored man except a few of us, who are yet alive, for the majority of the men who were first made are yet dead."

This is the only reason which the Dr. advances as a reason why I could not know the white gentlemen who initiated us into the mysteries of the order. When the doctor wrote the above sentence, he must have had on his "nightmare," and Louisiana "skates." It is an excellent sentence for a man who stands at the head of a great order, by it you can guage his business quantities. Now, in reference to the letter in the bank which the doctor indicates bears the secret which rightfully belongs to the Supreme Lodge, I would advise the doctor to get it out at once and turn it over to the Supreme keeper of Record and Seal, Sir. O. M. Wood, for if it remains in his bank as his private property, it is calculated to stimulate the suspicion that other valuable property, belonging to the order has found its way also into the doctor's private bank.

As for my right and title to the office of Supreme Chancellor, I decline to enter into details concerning it here, for the reason I have explained the matter fully at divers other times, published it in many of the colored journals of the country and in phamlet form, and the same have been distributed in all parts of the order's jurisdiction. The doctor nor any of his faithfuls have denied the material point advanced by me in defence of the legality of the Supreme Lodge session at Cincinnati, and my title derived therefrom. But instead of joining issues with me on this point, they prefer invariable to ask these questions:

"Can the Vice President suspend the President; can the Secretary of State suspend the Governor; why did not you commence right?" These questions are in my opinion but admissions of guilt and I will say they are asked for the purpose of misleading the innocent minds of the many concerned and of shielding the guilt of the wrong deer, however, I will grant for arguments sake, the regulation of each question, but I will insist that none of them are to the main point at issue, namely who is Supreme Chancellor of the order of the Knights of Pythias of North and South America.

Now in defence of Sir Wilson, Wood and Blocker's action, I will ask the doctor these questions. Is the constitution of the Knights of Pythias adopted for our government analoguous to the constitution of the United States? Can the President of the United States be charged with crime? If so, do not the people of the United States try him for an offence? Can the President receive the moneys from taxation of the people? Can the President take charge of the seal and archives of the United States and keep them as his private property? Can Can the President ignore the rights of the people? Can he abolish the office of treasurer and secretary of the United States? Can he abolish the Supreme court? I do ask these questions because they are analoguous to our position, but I do so with the hope of putting some common sense in the head of our Louisiana friend, who it seems cannot understand that he was lawfully expelled from the Supreme Lodge.

In regard to the $20,000 which the treasury of the Endowment Board owed to the widows and orphans of deceased Knights, the doctor seems to labor under the belief that our side has charged him with having collected $20,000 and pocketed the same. If he is laboring under this delusion, for it is nothing more than a delusion, we have never made such a statement or charge against the doctor. He is wrong in his impression. However, in his attempted explanation of the $20,000 I fear, he more than all others concerned, has done more to justify the questioning of his own business integrity.

Those who have read my article will observe that I was explaining the failure of the Board to pay the $20,000 that I have said not one word about Mr. Williams that would imply that he had collected $20,000 I simply stated that the Board, failed because its plans were impracticable and instead of paying the widows and orphans three hundred dollars each, they owed $20,000, and not a cent in the National Board of Endowment Treasury, with which to pay one penny indebtedness. Speaking on this point, let me quote the doctor in his own language, so that I may do him justice, as he says his character is at stake and so it is. "The shortage was not $20,000, as Sir Mitchell stated, but $11,000. The only mistake, in addition. Continuing, he says "I collected $16,000 and paid out $15,600." Please observe the pronoun "I." If Dr. Williams collected $16,000 and paid out $15,600, leaving a balance of $400, pray tell us how much did the Supreme Treasurer receive and pay out, and what balance, if any, there is on hand?

Let it be remembered that the Supreme Board and the Supreme Treasurer have not as yet, made their report to the Knights as the law directs, notwithstanding this controversy, and, Mr. Williams, who is very deeply concerned, has failed to make a report. We say to the doctor, that as a consequence, the index finger of grave suspicion points unmistakably to him and holds him responsible for the failure of the Board for you prove that you were the Board & Treasurer. There is $20,000 short. How much more than $16,000 has been collected, I do not know, but I am of the opinion that it will reach several thousand dollars more.

In praising the good resulting to the widow and orphans derived from State endowment, I do not think the Doctor could have made a more fatal error against himself—an error which in my judgement justly fastens upon him the candid suspicion of all concerned, excepting the beneficiaries who live off his fund. Says the Doctor that State endowment is a grand success. We have [Who is we?] paid off $2,000 on the $11,000 back indebtedness. That is a frank confession of the Doctor's. Now I submit that if the Grand Lodges could meet all demands made upon their respective treasuries in twelve months' time, and have a balance to commence business with for the second year, don't that fact seriously reflect upon the business integrity of the Doctor and his national endowment board? Does not this admission of the Doctor go to furnish convincing evidence that there is something wrong about the national treasurer falling for $20,000 or for $11,000? For did not these same Grand Lodges, now so creditably sustaining their financial credit with their members, pay their money into the national treasury? Says the Doctor: "We collected $16,000 and paid out $15,600." Who is we?

Let me recall that tragic event of 1887—that event which has proved so ill-fated to the destiny of our noble order. In describing how he succeeded that venerable and honorable old patriot, T. W. Springer, to the office of Supreme Chancellor, the doctor more than confirmed my statements in reference thereto. He adds new evidence and says: "Instead of being Mr. Springer's enemy, I was his friend, warm friend, up to the time of his death." But to the point as to how he became Supreme Chancellor. Continuing, he says:

"Colonel Baquie and several other gentlemen held a caucus, and it was agreed all around that I should be chosen Supreme Chancellor. I accepted, but Mr. Springer at first refused to give up the office, when I was elected, but the following day Messrs. J. D. Kelly and Grandison, chieftains of the caucus (and the latter now a member of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere Knights), persuaded Sir Springer to yield the office to me."

So, Brother Williams, you were not chosen by the Supreme Lodge but by a caucus. King Caucus's ways are odious, and like evil disposed persons formulate their plans in the night time, and never in the light of day. The Supreme Lodge usually meets in the day time. From the counsel of the caucus T. W. Springer turned his venerable and aged face towards Vicksburg, broken in spirit, betrayed and deceived by his friends, whom he had so confidentially treated, and without a word of censure or condemnation departed for his home to meet his only friend, his wife. Says Dr. Williams, "I was his friend." Four year after, Supreme Chancellor Williams, delivering his address to members of the Supreme Lodge in New York city, said in speaking of that immaculate and Spartan Knight, Gen. Bowles (another one of the attendants at the caucus):

"Sir Bowles has used herculean efforts to hold his own against the foes within and the foes without. Even the founder of the order (T. W. Springer), with abtruse quietness, is wandering after false gods, but Sir Bowles showed him that the order was paramount to man. We have reverence for old age, but when we witness men with one foot upon the earth and the other in the grave, guilty of two of God's commandments, 'Thou shalt not steal' and 'Thou shalt not bear false witness,' etc., we hang our heads in shame."

For this quotation see pages six and seven, Journal of Proceedings for the sixth biennial session for 1891.

T. W. Springer's hair was the indication of his soul—it was white, whitened by the frosts of sixty years. Old as he was, honorable in the work of the order, King Caucus slew him.

At New Orleans, addressing the faithful, in September, 1893, the good Doctor said:

"I am happy to announce that that on August 8, 1893, Past Supreme Chancellor T. W. Springer was reinstated, after having been suspended for four years for insubordination, etc."

See Ferret and Journal of the Lodge, page three and issue of September 30, 1893. Sir T. W. Springer died in August, 1893.

No wonder that our friend Williams protested that he was a friend of Mr. Springer's. We are now standing around the vacant chair, it is draped in mourning; it is the chair of the late, lamented T. W. Springer, who was the victim of a caucus held in Richmond, Va., in 1887. A low voice is calling upon the chair to vindicate him of the past accusations preferred against him by the living, that voice belongs to Sir E. A. Williams. The chair will not answer, neither will the spirit of the man who once occupied the chair, but I will answer for Sir T. W. Springer: "E. A. Williams, your sins have found you out!"

Sir Williams offers an explanation in reference to what I have said about my having the archives, seals and articles of incorporation of the Supreme Lodge. His explanation is not only illogical but ridiculous. In his statement, he but affirms the truth of my assertion relative to the seal and charter. He says that he had two originals made. That cannot be true for there is no such thing possible. There can be only one original, and all others are but copies or duplicates. He said Sir Wood had one and he had the other. Will Mr. Williams state whether the one Sir Woods had was the original or duplicate? And what about the seal? No mention was made of that. Is it not a fact that Sir O. M. Wood has the original seal; can there be two seals? If it is possible to have two original charters, why could it not be possible to have two original seals? This ridiculous statement is followed by one which exceeds it.

"If Mr. Mitchell and I should steal the charter and seal of the Supreme Lodge of the World, would that make us legal?" Now, I do not understand exactly what my friend Williams is driving at, but if he means to say that if he and I should steal the charter and seal, would that give us the legal right to hold them, I would answer no, and if we should steal them, the Supreme Chancellor would have us on the way to the penitentiary so quick it would make our heads swim.

Now, doesn't Mr. Williams know that he makes a false statement when he says Sir Wood was suspended for ninety-nine years; if so, what seal attested the execution of the judgment? Now the doctor preaches on another point, which may be likened to a man whistling up his courage while passing through a graveyard. He says there are no Knights of Pythias with me except seven lodges in Illinois and the state of Ohio, and the reason Ohio is with me is because he would not permit it to be with him. Dr. Williams knows that this statement is without any foundation in truth whatever. He is breaking one of God's commandments, "Thou shalt not bear false witness," and in straight English I would say to Dr Williams, "You ought not to lie."

New York is with me, and with her 17 lodges, 763 financial knights; Ohio is with me, with her 23 lodges and 1,000 financial knights; Illinois is with me, with her seven lodges and 712 financial knights; Missouri and Kansas are with me, with over 600 financial knights. Dr. Williams knows these facts are true. There are 4,800 financial knights yielding true Pythian allegiance to the old seal and charter, the seal and charter which the doctor is positive was fraudulently stolen from him. If it be true that the charter and seal was stolen from him, why doesn't he invoke the law and stop saying "Mene, mene tekel, upharsin?" I would advise him to express his sentiments in plain English hereafter, because I think he would do much better than trying to express himself in Hebrew. The doctor says: "Mr. Mitchell's following is very small; we will not miss him."

Doctor read this little verse and take counsel: "Were not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God; fear ye not, therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

R. M. MITCHELL.

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St. Phillip Street Baptist church was packed to its fullest capacity recently, a swell wedding being the attraction. The church was beautifully decorated by Jesse Reed. The contracting parties were Miss Alice C. Reid and Hunter C. Haynes. The bride is one of Selma's promising young ladies and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reid, a sister of Willie H. Reid, and a student of Selma University. The groom is one of Selma's rising young men and proprietor of Market Square barber shop. The programme was set for 8 o'clock, but it was 8:30 before the parties arrived, lead by four ushers. The bride wore white silk, trimmed in passementerie and silk ribbons; Miss Avetta Sullivan, as bride's maid, pink silk trimmed in pink ribbons; Miss Emma Moore, helitrope silk trimmed in orange blossoms and silk ribbons; Mrs. Simon Durrett, white Swiss over blue, trimmed in satin ribbons.

The groom wore a black Prince Albert suit; Willie H. Reed, as best man, wore full dress; Jno. H. High, as second man, full dress. The ushers were in beautiful evening dress, and were as follows: Ruffus Jones, Chas. Harrison, Cicero Powers, Lucius Brinn. Simon Durrett, of Mobile, wore full dress. He played the March. After the marriage a grand reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reid. Friday night a banquet was given at the residence of Jesse M. Reid. The guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haynes, Willie H. Reid, Miss Mamie Wilhite, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Durrett, of Mobile; Geo. Evans, Miss Avetta Sullivan, L. Brinn, Miss Lillie B. Hatcher, C. Powers, Miss Emma Moore, Cassius Young, Miss Mattie Martin, Arthur Brooks, Miss Eliza Martin, Willie Boyd, Miss Lula Evans, John Engleman, Mrs. Mollie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reid. At 11:30, Simon Durrett played the "Washington Post" March, and the guests marched to supper. Following was the menu: Fruits, nuts, etc.; grand supper; desert, ice cream of five flavors, cakes, candies, shupard, etc.; wines. At 12:30 the guests retired for the evening.

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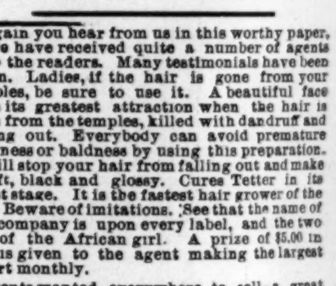
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EDITOR FREEMAN:

Some weeks ago, the editor of the Christian Recorder, the organ of African Methodism, and a very regular correspondent of the same paper, Rev. John M. Henderson, each published in the Recorder some very severe strictures and criticisms touching the management, government, discipline and force of Wilberforce University—the twin-sister of the Recorder, both the pride and product of eight million Negroes in general, and African Methodism in particular.

Despite the fact that each was issued into existence during stormy times for the Negro, and each has had its corresponding share of hardships and struggles for an existence, these two sable lords of the quill dare venture some reflections not complimentary to the sterling worth and credit of the brain, brawn and sinew of the men—the fathers—who made for them (the writers) in life to-day, a way so easy, plain and perfect.

True, we are not one of the officials of this great institution, nor an attache of the church organ, still, for reason of the fact that we had become acquainted with some of the then transactions of the Board of Trustees, or rather a few of them, in notoriously displacing one of its professors, as purported to us, in a very irregular and disgraceful way, and because we saw in these articles already referred to, a kind of half apology for what had been done in these transactions; and because the professor referred to had been a life long friend and an early boon companion of ours, we felt that, as a friend, we could and ought to say something, if possible, helpful to the person in question. Therefore, immediately upon reading these articles, and after due and mature reflection thereupon, we sat down to put our ideas in shape, upon paper, for the Recorder.

But to our disgust, not to our surprise, the editor wrapped himself up within his own glory and selfishness, and characteristic of his narrow-mindedness refused to publish the same, thereby giving the other side of the question a hearing and the professor mentioned a chance of defense by one of his friends. In this we claim priority of defense. This all occurred July 10th, past.

In justice to Editor Johnson, of the Recorder, we are very much gratified in learning from his partial retraction made through the columns of the Recorder recently in an editorial, that he had the hardihood and manhood to acknowledge his mistake, and to assure the readers of the Recorder that his strictures and criticisms upon Wilberforce, its government' discipline, management, etc., were "more apparent than real."

Not much more than two weeks ago we noticed the subject revived in the same journal, in able defenses from the pens of Bishop Lee and Dr. Jenifer, than whom I fancy, there are none more capable to defend the honor of Wilberforce University and its management, because of their long standing as students, graduates and attaches of the same institution. But they were rather a long time "striking back," which may have the same effect as "dropping cold water upon a duck's back." We hope not, however, and we further hope that the entire membership of the African Methodist church will arise, en masse and resent the unfair, prejudiced and unmanly attacks made upon this institution as living testimonies to the worth and character of Payne and his numberless cohorts.

But there is another phase of this question growing out of this controversy, which was not touched upon by either of the gentlemen who so ably defended Wilberforce in a general way. It is to this side of the issue we wish particularly to address ourselves, and to which we wish to direct the attention of the general public. This is our apology for our tardiness, and the reason why we have been forced to appeal to an organ outside the church for a hearing.

We do not wish, nor attempt to meddle with the differences that may exist in opinions concerning this famous Negro institution, its management or its government, but, feeling a deep interest in its welfare for years, because, first, we were once sheltered within its walls; and secondly, because we have for years past sounded its praises and sung its glories in eminent laudations of what a once benighted people are capable of doing. We can point with pride, too, to the fact, that more than a dozen student who have attended Wilberforce University within the past twenty years have done so upon our direct, personal influence and guidance. Nor has our missionary spirit in this regard ceased, for we are right now at this point, in consultation with several persons desirous of attending this session, and who have been in correspondence with us about these matters all the past summer. For these reasons, and perhaps many other minor ones, we are led to take a hand in this controversy, and to propound the query, "What is the matter with Wilberforce ?" For, if things be as represented by those who essay to know so much, we must in justice ourselves and others, cease our importunities for further aid to it. Wilberforce, from our standpoint and judgement, is not a school, the property of any one or a few individuals, but it is an institution, the pride and property of an entire race of people in general, and the African Methodist church in particular. Therefore, whatever concerns a few individuals concerning its welfare, progress and interest, concerns the masses of us.

From the insinuations thrown out, we are led to believe that the grand old institution, the product of the fathers of the A. M. E. church, is degenerating into a kind of self-appointed, autocratic-oligarchy.

Be it so! be it so! That it should now become, after these many long years of successful existence, and at a time when all of its forces and elements of sympathizing friends and officers, members and students should be united upon the one grand thought, success to Wilberforce, the prey to evil designing men bent upon nothing but selfish motives, self aggrandizement, is to be much deplored, and much to be pitied.

There should be no external quarrels nor any internal dissensions of which we all should not know. Let us have the truth, the facts, and nothing but the truth. We must not be understood as siding with the one nor with the other. We must know the whole story before coming to a verdict.

The editor of the Recorder, in so many words, pronounced the management "rotten from head to foot," and gives us no reason for so publicly denouncing it. Rev. John M. Henderson, of New York, does equally as much, and further berates the Trustee Board as a lot of "ignoramuses," denounces Prof. Shorter for running matters to suit himself and jealous of the scholarly Prof. W. S. Scarborough, and finally, brands Prof. Horace Talbert as "incompetent." Oh! shades of conceit and ignorance!

It is upon this last charge, particularly, that we wish to make a few reflections for the consideration of all persons taking an interest in the same.

If the charge of "ignorance" among the trustees be true, as he says, does it not seem unwise and inconsistent that the verdict of "incompetency" against Prof. Talbert by the said "ignorant" trustees should be accepted by the general public having any interest in the institution? Does it not also appear unwise and inconsistent, and a very, very sad reflection upon the wisdom and judgment of the trustees in so acting, when it is borne in mind that Prof. Talbert spent twelve long years at Wilberforce as a student, patiently fitting himself for the work of his calling? To-wit: Four years in the Preparatory department, six years in the Collegiate department, and two years in the Theological department; finally, graduating and receiving a diploma from each of the last two named.

How are we to reconcile these facts in the light of the circumstances surrounding the case? How could a jury not his peers be the judge of so important a matter?

Is it reasonable to suppose that such a "mass of ignorance," as he would have us believe, was capable of sitting in judgment upon the intellectual calibre of one who had pursued so thorough a course as that to which his certificates recommend him, and of one who finally, in addition to all this course of training, pursued another—supplementary—in the schools of Boston, Mass., thereby making himself doubly competent? If these trustees be "ignorant" and unlearned, or not the scholars it would require to sit upon an examination in the "Classics," how in the name of heaven, we ask, can they be adjudged the proper per persons to decide as to one's competency and fitness, or not?

Then again, the methods used in so doing were very irregular, unfair and unsatisfactory in arriving at the stated conclusion, and we are informed upon excellent authority that the good Rev. Henderson was foremost in leading on the forces in this unholy and disreputable war.

Such a verdict as Talbert received seems undeserving the sanction of an intelligent public. It does seem that the word of the President in praise of the work and ability of Talbert, being himself much more competent than the idle judges and school boys set upon the professor, was much more weighty and should have counted for its intrinsic value, and should have preceeded all other charges. It is a very sad reflection upon the past judgment, management and government and tutilage of the entire force of instructors of Wilberforce, from the beginning of the institution to the present, through the hands of whom the professor had formerly passed. These teachers, professors and officers, it must be borne in mind, represent not only the former pristine virtues of its glorious history, but form an aggregation representing various other schools, colleges and institution of a much more eminent character and reputation. And in accord with the justice of the verdict passed upon Professor Talbert, after all the foregoing representations, he would be justified in tearing his diplomas as memorial certificates of the various courses and departments of Wilberforce University into shreds, consigning the same to the flames, and forgetting the day with immeasured regrets on which he entered within its sacred walls.

He may be competent or "incompetent"—for not all graduates possess imparting ability and he may be no exception to the rule—we are unable to judge at this distance and do not now pretend to say; but, the presentations thus far look a little misty, prejudiced and irregular. Be that as it may, in justice to him, his feelings, his friends and his school of training, it would have appeared much better and more dignified as well as with measured comport with justice to have reassigned him to some other chair (that he may be permitted a chance) or to have permitted him the alternative of an honorable resignation.

The present muddle and squabble bodes no good to anyone. It looks like a conspiracy. It will dampen the ardor and enthusiasm of many former friends to the institution, for all of which we should feel a deep sense of regret and sorrow.

In conclusion, we wish to inquire why he was so deftly treated; why was he prosecuted upon the mere representations of prejudiced students of the school, who had hitherto not been members of any of his classes? Why was he re-elected by the full board in session, and dismissed afterwards in a called meeting of his enemies after his friends had left the premises? Why were not the alleged investigations into his incompetency conducted upon a fair basis? Why did not the re-election as it first resulted be permitted to remain the rule of the board for one session longer at least? All and each of these inquiries remain open for the inspection, consideration and justification of any knowing ones who will graciously tend the satisfaction due them. He We know Talbert quite well indeed. Out of a number of us, about twenty in all, hailing from the same city and district, he was the only one who had courage and pluck enough to tuck it out for about twelve long years in order to merit the standing its various faculties have conferred upon him, and which is now discounted by Henderson and others; and, at this rate, it may not have been a blunder or misfortune when his mates from home all deserted him to scan the field alone!

We hope to have done no one harm or injury by this lengthy and perhaps untimely review, but in justification of its offense we simply add that it is done out of malice to none and in justice to all concerned, for the interest we have heretofore bespoken in the success and glory of the instetution. There are hundreds of students, graduates and otherwise, who now are making their own marks in life, the results of wholesome teachings at Wilberforce, who are and must be deeply interested in this matter, and who may justly feel affronted at the proceedings in question. It is a reflection upon all alike. We call upon some to rise and explain to the entire satisfaction of this noble band of workers in the various vocations of life representing the institution of Wilberforce University. If this cannot be done, as it ought to be, it would not be improper, but in just accord with the actions taken, to issue a writ of "Lunatico de inquirendo" upon all concerned.

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My mother's name is Lucinda Yarndle, and I had one half-brother named John and an own brother named Nelson. I have two half-sisters, Sarah and Mary. My father died when I was four years old, in Knox county, Tennessee. My father's name was Harry Lamb. The last time I saw them was in Lawrence, Kan. I wrote to them from Missoula, but did not hear from them. Address, H. Lamb, Kalispel, Mont.

I would like to know the whereabouts of my three sisters, Lucretia, Eliza and Polly Sadler. Our mother's name was Pricilla Sadler. She belonged to Fannie Sadler, an old maid. Our father's name was Ranel Spilman; he belonged to Jim Spilman. Our home was Lael, Garrett county, Ky., eight miles from Langston and eleven miles from Richmond, Ky. Any information would be very thankfully received by their sister, Sallie Johnson. Address, 839 E. Jefferson street, Decatur, Ill.; in care of L. Earnest.

I have a son; have not seen him since the war. His name is Thomas Taylor Turner, my home was in Madison Co., Tennessee, but I left him in Columbus Kentucky with a man by the name of John Stevens, who was a Telegraph Operator. He was between the age of 7 and 8. His father's name was Sam Turner and my name was Henrietta Turner. Every pastor will please read this to his congregation, and readers will please inquire. Any one giving nformation will oblige Henrietta Wallace, 1403 Maple St., Des Moines, Ia.

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WHO said "Tom" Reed was a presidential quantity?

"WHOM the gods would destroy they first make mad." The repudiators of Hill and henchmen of Fairchild, in New York, may have cause to recall this old and familiar saying when the "ides of November" overtake them.

HON. D. A. STRAKER, of Detroit, Mich., who is a candidate for re-election as Circuit Court Commissioner of Wayne county, has been honored by a most handsome indorsement by the members of the Detroit bar, on the grounds of his unsullied integrity and his brilliant qualifications for the office.

THE Age of last week contained the following:

"It is pleasant to see the 'greatest' and the 'handsomest' chuck modestly to the dogs and compliment each other with that abandon which so befits the 'wild and wooly' West, while fire and storm sweep the endless prairies, despite the floods of beer and whiskey which perpetually gurgle, 'three fingers straight,' down the incline of good cheer and death."

Now, the question is, what does it all mean; what is Fortune driving at, what is he trying to say? Will somebody enlighten us?

ATTENTION is called to the speech of the Hon. G. L. KNOX delivered recently at Lafayette, Ind., a very full extract of which appears on this page. It will repay careful perusal. As an extemporaneous talk, dropping from the lips of an unassuming, conservative business man, it is worthy to take rank with many of the best efforts of the day. Much against his expressed desire as proprietor of THE FREEMAN, we assumed the responsibility of its publication, and we have no other thought but that our readers will vote our action all right.—[Editor.

THE THORNTON CASE.

Those colored persons in Indianapolis who are inclined to question the wisdom of Mr. Benjamin Thornton's action, anent the ruling of Superintendent Goss of the public schools, had better go slow, rather than with their own hands and consent they bring about their own undoing. Remember, it is little by little the liberties of a people are lost. If Mr. Thornton, as parent and guardian, has certain rights guaranteed him in the law, regarding the school-going of his child, which he thinks are being invaded, surely every colored parent in Indianapolis should join him in spirit and active co-operation, if required, in his determination to have those rights, if they exist, legally defined. At best and most, our rights as citizens and tax-payers are not so many and secure that we would be justified in relinquishing without a struggle the most unimportant of the few we can boast of. If the order of this new Superintendent of public schools is without authority and illegal, and we permit him to run his bluff on us successfully, how long would it be before some other official would be moved to suggest that we occupy certain seats on the electric lines, in the churches, theatres, parks and other public places? These reflections, necessarily brief, are being penned before the cases in court growing out of the affair have been opened for a hearing, pending the same we cannot say all we would like to and will at some future time upon this very important matter.

"NIGGERS" AND IDA B. WELLS.

Next to Benjamin Harrison, Major McKinley and "Dave" Hill, Miss Ida B. Wells is the most discussed and talked of person in America. And be it further said, not a laurel rests upon her young and valiant brow but what she has nobly won and entirely deserves. After her last Sunday evening address in this city at the Second Presbyterian church (white), to the largest congregation of the year, the pastor Dr. Milburn, himself a man of very great parts, a young Ward Beecher, said:

"I doubt if there is another woman in the United States who could have talked to you with the diction, the dignity and the force which Miss Wells has employed. She is a remarkable woman. She is an honor to her race. I esteem it an honor to know her."

How glad we are that men like Dr. Milburn live and move in such an exalted sphere as to not know there are occasional members of this heroic woman's race who delight in making themselves conspicuous in a puny way by assailing the wisdom of her course and the unselfishness of her motives. Who was it that insisted that the Saviour was betrayed and crucified by "niggers" instead of by the Jews?

A STATEMENT.

For the benefit of THE FREEMAN'S many readers in Shelbyville, Tenn., we hasten to say that that portion of our Shelbyville correspondence which appeared in our columns some weeks since relating to Presiding Elder Jackson, was tacked on to our regular correspondent's letter, Mr. W. H. Gosling, for convenience sake, by the management at this office, and that gentleman should in no wise be held for the same. We are sure he knew nothing of it until it appeared in print.—[Editor.

THE "VILEST SINNER," ETC.

"A correspondent writes us as follows:

"Brother Sweeney, will you not kindly appoint some one to pull down the bars to the Republican fold and let our wandering Democratic brethren in out of the cold ere the November cyclone catches them?

"Fraternally, J. E. PEAKE,
"9-28-'94. Arkadelphia, Ark."

The solicitation of our friend is unnecessary, for now that the stampede has commenced, no power on earth or beneath the earth can keep our disgruntled, betrayed brethren from the company of the just. Bars or no bars, the procession is moving, sustained and cheered by the promise, "while the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." Selah!

GINGER IN THEIR REAR.

HENRI WATTERSON, the picturesque and able progenitor of the "star-eyed goddess of reform," commenced an ingeneously worded editorial a few days since in this language:

"The tactics of the Republicans this year exhibit an extraordinary indisposition to engage at close quarters. They hover on the flanks of the great Democratic army, and seek to annoy as much as possible without risking a regular engagement."

We would like to ask Mr. Watterson, if he would stop long enough to listen, how in the name of common sense he can expect the Republicans to engage the great army of the unwashed in close quarters, when close quarters are out of the question. For a number of months the plumed army of free trade have been making a running retreat, pell-mell—and the devil take the hindmost—and the best the Republican hosts can do is to lay on their flanks, and sprinkle the rear ends of their fleeing anatomy with the ginger of God Almighty's truth in lieu of a better chance.

SPEECH DELIVERED BY

The Hon. G. L. Knox, of Indianapolis, Indiana, At

Lafayette, Ind., On the Occasion of The Emancipation Celebration Held in That City Monday, Sept. 24th.

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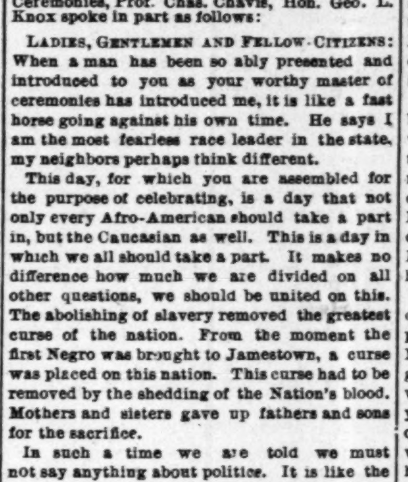
Upon being introduced by the Master of Ceremonies, Prof. Chas. Chavis, Hon. Geo. L. Knox spoke in part as follows:

LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW-CITIZENS: When a man has been so ably presented and introduced to you as your worthy master of ceremonies has introduced me, it is like a fast horse going against his own time. He says I am the most fearless race leader in the state, my neighbors perhaps think different.

This day, for which you are assembled for the purpose of celebrating, is a day that not only every Afro-American should take a part in, but the Caucasian as well. This is a day in which we all should take a part. It makes no difference how much we are divided on all other questions, we should be united on this. The abolishing of slavery removed the greatest curse of the nation. From the moment the first Negro was brought to Jamestown, a curse was placed on this nation. This curse had to be removed by the shedding of the Nation's blood. Mothers and sisters gave up fathers and sons for the sacrifice.

In such a time we are told we must not say anything about politics. It is like the minister who took as his text something like this: "If the godly scarcely escape, where will the ungodly appear?" He felt he had never preached so grand a sermon, and after the services were over he said to a friend present: "Now, didn't I tell you I would preach you a sermon without saying anything about poli-



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tics?" His friend, who by the way was a Democrat, answered: "Politics; politics; I can show you politics in it. The text—the text was enough. Didn't you say that if the godly scarcely escaped, where would the ungodly appear, and don't you know you had direct reference to us Democrats when you said 'the ungodly.' [Applause.]

There were two parties in politics, the Democratic party and the Whig party. From the Whig party sprung the Abolitionists, and from that the Republican party. The Negro had been the bone of contention, politically, for years. The Democratic party had reared itself against us on the one side, and the Republican party on the other. [Applause.] I am not going to talk politics, but it takes these things to lead up to the point of these questions.

I am told that there are people here to-day in this beautiful city who say that only the people who were born slaves should take a part in this day. If there ever was a people that went down, it was from ingratitude; if you want to lose a friend, then be ungrateful to him.

On the 4th of July, over one hundred years ago, the Americans were freed from the yoke of English bondage, and the brave men who fought for that great cause now lie in the silent halls of death, where they cannot hear the voice of fame, and will sleep until the resurrection morn. Yet, on the 4th day of July every year, the fathers, the mothers, the children—their descendants—celebrate this day all over the land, with their bundles of fire works and fire crackers, and in the face of this, some say we should not celebrate, we were set free thirty years ago.

This day should be celebrated by all the people, and especially by the Negro. If your parents had not received their liberty, you would even now be laboring in the rice swamps and sugar cane of Louisiana, or picking cotton in Alabama, under the lash of the master. This is a day that everybody should celebrate, and we should especially give thanks to the God who gave us such a glorious nation. [Applause.]

There never was a man elected president of the United States under such circumstances as Abraham Lincoln. There never was a president who went to his station fearing he would be mobbed. This man bade farewell to his countrymen in the state of Illinois, never more to look in their faces. When he arrived in Washington the war was going on. The whole country was in an uproar. The great question was, was the Negro to be freed. The people said he was not to be freed. They said: "We are going to fight for our country and the Negro is not in it?" Didn't they say it? But Mr. Lincoln understood it.

Fremont was taking hold. Lincoln said you will spoil everything if you go on like this, but the radicals said it was a wrong thing to interfere with Fremont. Lincoln said he must be stopped; he was in accord with General Fremont in every step he took, but Fremont was too hasty. The people were not prepared for it. They had to be educated up to this point and if he had kept on he would have divided the North. The Union Army at this time was being driven back by the rebels; on every battlefield. The Union army seemed to think that their cause was gone. What are you going to do, they said. Horace Greely wrote a a communication to reach the President through the New York Tribune. He said I I don't understand you. We understood you had a purpose to free the Negro. Horace Greely did not understand it. It was only understood by a few but not by the masses of people. In answering this letter, President Lincoln said; "I would to God all men were as free as I am. If I can save the Union without destroying slavery, I will do so, but if the Union cannot be saved without destroying slavery, I will save the Union and destroy Slavery." He said when I forbear, I forbear." This same Proclamation was then lying in his drawer; he was waiting for the people to become ripe, to understand it. He said on a certain day, I will issue the proclamation. The day came and the Negro was declared free.

In 1863 I joined the Union army and I heard the boys say, Abe offered to do the right thing with those fellows and if they don't come in, we are going to lick them. They didn't come in and we licked them, and by licking them you boys got your freedom. (applause) After this he got the public mind so shaped that it was willing to support him. But the Democrats said this is a cruel war, our fathers and sons are being murdered; they declared this war unconstitutional from the beginning, but the Democratic party was unconstitutional itself.

After the proclamation was issued, after the Negro was freed, the question arose, what are we going to do about taking the Negro soldier. The Negro was ready to fight for the flag which refused to protect him. The Negro is the most loyal of all to his country. Upon every battlefield he has given his blood that this country might be preserved, and still some say we ought to leave this country; some say we ought to go away from here. I don't say that. I am like the little boy who said, I did not come here and I am not going away. What has the Negro done for this countrp? He has caused it to bloom like a rose.

Some say that Mr. Lincoln was not responsible for our freedom. Some say that Jeff Davis was the cause of our freedom. If I were out there fighting a man and he was about to whip me and Prof, Chavs here would pull him off could I say that I whipped the man? Jeff Davis tried to keep us from getting our freedom. Whom should we thank, Lincoln or Davis? Jeff Davis tried to hold us, and in holding us, let us go.

There are other things pertaining to this question and we will trace them down. The people came to the great question; what is the Negro to do. There was never a people given their liberty under such circumstances as we. The Negro was given his liberty thirty years ago without a cent in his pockets, without one copper, and he was like the Saviour when he said, the Son of Man had no place to lay his head. This was the condition of four and one-half millions of freedmen. What was to be done? He was like a strange country dog, kicked around by everybody and claimed by nobody, and being chased from one part of the country to the other. He had his liberty but still he needed something else. He needed the sword for protection. When we got our freedom that was all. Nobody was there to claim us; nobody was there to advocate our cause. One party claimed they had no right and then the Republican party stepped up and said, the Negroes have been freed and they must have their rights. They must be given protection. He was first given the right to vote. He was now free and the great amendment gave him, and were meant to protect him, in the right of citizenship.

The Negro was kicked from pillar to post but the moment he received the right to vote, he was welcome and everybody made much over him. A man running for office and desiring the colored vote would be as friendly as you please and, when he would meet you on the street he would greet you by saying "How do you do Mr. Jones. How do you do." It changes you know when you can be of service to some one.

The candidate for office would meet you and say, "How are Jane and the other babies? I have always been a friend of yours, Jones, and I am a candidate for office and I wish you would cast your vote for me. See your friends and say a good word for me; you know I always was a friend of yours." The sword of protection brought about this. One colored man said, "I do wish election day would come every Tuesday. "It do make these white folks so sociable." [Applause and laughter.]

When we received the right to vote, we received the highest honor of American citizenship. You must know that, and I will tell you there is just one thing about it—everybody feels interested in those who can help them on, both socially and politically. A right pretty woman can love a right ugly man if he is right rich. [Applause.] Some neighbors would say, "I don't see what on earth she wanted with that man, he is so ugly;" but she knew that with his money she would not be compelled to work. You see by this that we always admire and help those who can help us in return. I am not going to make a political speech, but it is a fact that where you can be of service, you are always hunted up.

I want to say something about the Negro soldier; I want to speak of what the Negro was to the late war. In the first place, the Negro was not wanted to help fight. In 1863 and 1864 the Negro was not wanted in the army even in Indiana. General Hunter undertook to organize colored troops, and asked for the privilege of organizing all able-bodied ex-slaves for service in the Union army. The question then arose, who was to be the commanding officer of these colored troops? The whites did not want to command them. A man who would have liked to be a commanding officer in the white regiment, declined the offer for a higher office over the colored troops. This was prejudice. Prejudice is ignorance; it is for the want of proper understanding.

But you know when you are in a close place, you will let most anybody help you out. When the Negro was called upon to fight, he did not hesitate, but said, I will fight for your flag, and I believe if I fight for it, it will protect me; and it did. To-day we are celebrating that great event. [Applause.]

General Grant said he never saw such brave soldiers as the Negro. Still there are a lot of our people and some white people say when they hear of the outrages that are being perpetrated each day on the Negro, why don't the Negroes turn around and whip these fellows? Why don't they whip them? How could you expect a few Negroes to do what it took the whole North, with the help of the Negro, nearly five years to do? This is nonsensical, and the idea is rash and foolish.

I came to this state with the 57th Indiana Regiment. I had occasion to go up to New Castle to a re-union once. We were in a beautiful leafy grove, and it was a beautiful day like this, and we fared sumptuously. It was Comrade Knox this, Comrade Knox that. The children admired me because their parents spoke well of me. There were speeches made by different comrades. After they all had spoken some one said, "Here is Comrade Knox," and the master of ceremonies said, "We will have a few words from Comrade Knox." I said, "Everybody has spoken of the war, and we have seen so much blood flowing, I don't know where to take hold." "I see if my race is to be represented, the Negro must represent it. If the Negro wants the proper things said about him, he must say them himself. The Negro gave his life for your flag, and yet if he wants to get the proper praise for it, he must get it from himself. What praise is given him is just what prejudice allows him to have. Blood is thick; one touch of nature makes us all kin. I said I see now Hood's cavalry as it cuts the right wing off, as they run the troops and as they drive them off. Then I can see the army of the North. It seemed as if it was going to be defeated. They were driven back. They cried they are whipping us, and yet these were the men who said this was a white man's war, and they did not want the "niggers" in it. McClellan said, "Keep back the Negro and the Union will be saved." He saw defeat staring them in the face, and he was compelled to call on the Negro volunteers. He could not help himself.

This was the condition of the Union army when they were being defeated and driven back at Nashville. The were crying out, "Re-inforce us!" General Thomas said, "I cannot re-inforce you; all the white troops are in battle, but I have five thousand Negro troops teeth gleaming, eyeballs shining, not one missing. Shall I re-inforce you with these troops?" They said, 'Re-inforce us with anybody, General!" They were like the old maid, anybody would do. These colored troops came into the battle, drove the rebels back, the Union soldiers received new encouragement from their efforts and the rebels were put to flight. When the sun went down, it went down upon one of the most glorious victories of this country. This victory was won by the assistance of the Negro troops. [Applause.]

It seemed that the sun was going down before the victory was won, and I thought then of Joshua of old when he asked the sun to stand still until they had won their victory over the Israelites. The sun seemed to stop and wait until this victory should be won on the side of right, justice and truth, and when, with the assistance of the Negro soldier, it was, he passed out of sight, amidst a shimer of gold and purple light, giving promise of a glorious morrow. By this one act, the Negro purchased a right, an undying right, to this beautiful land of ours. [Great applause.]

Therefore, we have a right to this country; no man has a greater right. No one can dispute this. The blood of the Afro-American has been spilled upon every field of battle; still the whites are very vindictive against us. One man said to his son as he was about to leave for the war, "Whatever you do, don't you surrender to a nigger." The battle was going on at Nashville, and this white man was captured by a Negro soldier from the North. The Negro told him to surrender. He answered, "My father told me never to surrender to a nigger." The colored man said, "I can't find a white man to whom you can surrender, so here come with me." He was compelled to surrender to the Negro, when the Negro was backed by the bayonet and Uncle Sam.

When you compare this day with the dark days of slavery and see the rapid strides we have made toward progress, you will see that we have much to be thankful for. If you will bear with me a moment, I will show what rapid progress we have made. We, as the Negro race, are not a failure, but a success.

When I left my master during the war he said to me that I would come back, that I could not take care of myself. He told me that so often that I had about concluded it was so. I thought I would join the Union army. I had the right to join or stay away. Years after the war was over, I concluded I would go back to see the old home place and to see my old master. I came to to the place and my old master and his son were working in a corn crib. His daught-in-law told my old master that there was a darkey to see him. Of course I did not like that, but I had to stand it. When the old man came up, I said, "How do you do, Mr. So-in-so." He said, "I don't know you." I told him who I was, and then he remembered me. I asked him how he was getting along. He said, "Very bad, very bad. I lost everything I had in the war." I asked him how old he was, he said "81 years old" When he told me all about how he had lost everything, the tears rolled down his cheeks. It was a sad sight. I felt like shedding tears for him myself, because he was always good to me. When I was about 3 years old, my master had a sale of slaves, and instead of separating our family, they kept my sister, my brother and myself, for the young master and mistress. If you could have seen that day, and seen how some families were separated, you would have realized what a favor they did for me.

I asked the old man if he still chewed tobacco. He said, "Yes." I reached in my poeked and handed him a silver dollar, and told him to get some tobacco with it. I thought perhaps he might have some of his old dignity left, but he did not, as he accepted the money. I told him before I left if he was in need of a suit of clothes or anything, he should write me and I would send it to him. Not long after I returned home, I received a letter from him saying that he needed clothes very bad. I sent him a money order for a suit of clothes at once. And this was the man who said I would not be able to take care of myself.

The Negro school teacher in the United States is the bright ray of hope for the Negro's future. There are at present 25,000 school teachers and 1,512,800 pupils in the public schools. Besides this number, add 200,000 who are attending private schools, and 80,000 who are attending mechanical and industrial institutions throughout the country, and nearly as many more attending the normal shools and academies. There are sixty-three presidents of Negro colleges, and yet about thirty years ago we did not know our A B C's. Is not this progress? I think we are climbing up the hill fast. In the year 1894 we find there are 600 Negroes who are members of the Bar Association. There are also deans in the law colleges, court commissioners and many common attorneys. There are also 500 graduates of medical colleges. Think of that. Although prejudice is against us, we are climbing to the top gradually. Yet we are barred out of the shops, and in some places if a Negro was brought into a machine shop to work, there would be a strike, and still we keep marching on to prosperity.

I want to say further that thirty years ago few Negroes could read a newspaper. When there was one who could, he was looked upon as a curiosity. I used to pick up a newspaper and the letters seemed to me to be running together. You people who can not read German and pick up a German book, can imagine how strange a newspaper was to me.

Now there are published in the United States over two hundred Negro journals. The Negro is also a contributor to some of the leading white journals, contributing short stories, poems and general literature. There is also used in the schools of our country a Greek grammar, the author of which is a colored man.

Thirty years ago we had few churches to-day we have church property valued at $35,000,000. Here is the wealth of some of the states: The wealth of the Negro in Alabama is $9,200,125; in Oregon, $85,000; Connecticut, $155,000; Delaware, $1,217,090; North Dakota, $76,000; Utah, $75,000; Chicago alone has $5,000,000 worth of property owned by colored people; the Negroes in Indiana are worth $4,100,000; Maine, $175,211; Montana, $320,000. By this you will see that we are really making progress. The entire wealth of the colored people in the United States is estimated at $300,000,000, to which is added the value of their church property, making it $335,000,000.

But we look a little further South, the Negro has not as much cause for rejoicing. Since the Negro was emancipated, there have been over ten thousand people of our race murdered; some at noonday, some at midnight. Miss Ida B. Wells, a lady of whom we should all be proud, was driven from her home in Memphis on account of her denouncing the outrages committed on her people. She went from Memphis to New York and Chicago and told the wrongs that were committed upon her people in the South. She then went to Europe and told the story there. The English did not know the condition of our country was so terrible. We are sending missionaries to China, Japan and to Africa and other lands, and now England has sent missionaries over here. England has sent a committe over here to investigate the condition of this country.

As American Negroes and citizens, we must unite with each other as the white man does. If the white man does not want silver, they want gold, and they meet in convention and settle the thing. We must also have our conventions. We must come together and stick together.

If the white people would measure us from where we started, we would have no complaint The white man has had over four hundred years of wealth, experience, a hundred years and over of their own freedom, and yet they say the Negro with but thirty years of freedom is a failure. That is not so.

There are many progressive race men in this country, and yet they are not given the privileges that some of the white men receive who sweep out the saloons for their drinks. I don't know if you have that class of people here, but I know you find them in most every large city. This class of people will see a colored man who is respectable pass them and say to another: "Bill, this is what we have to contend with." Is that fair? Here are Rev. Smothers, Prof. Anderson and Prof. Chavis. This is our class of American citizens. We do not care what people say about us if they measure and compare us from thirty years ago.

Some man will say, "Look at our fine electric street car." They did not do this all. Franklin years ago was fiddling with the lightning, and chained it. Then others took it up where he left off. Edison has been working and improving upon it for years. The Negro is even grappling with science. At the telephone convention at the World's Fair last year, one of the best instruments exhibited was made by a Negro. See the progress we have made in thirty years. What will the showing be in a hundred years? They say there are 600 Negro babies born each day. Some say the Negro is too prolific. If we want to be a success we must be prolific.

The bulk of the Negroes are in the South and many are happily contented. Of course, some would like to go away, as the Negro is so oppressed by the white man. We should do like the white man. While the colored man goes to picnics all the year round, the white man is figuring. The colored man does not figure. Our people are the most happy and congenial people. They do not realize anything until it is upon them. In the South, in slavery times New Years day was the saddest of the year. The Negroes were always sold on that day. Mothers, fathers and children were separated, up to two hours before the time of separation came, they were dancing and singing and shouting in their cabins. If the colored people would fix for these things, they would be better prepared for them. We must figure and work too, and we must use our hands. What is your education to you if you do not use it?

We want to read better books, better literature, instead of gossipping with the neighbors. If you do that here, don't do it any more. When we do this, we shall have accomplished great things.

Bishop Turner's great hobby is that we shall go back to Africa. He intends us to redeem that benighted land and make it the nation God intended it to be. If we could do this, we would have accomplished something that has never been accomplished before. But I will say this, I am here and here to stay. [Applause.]

In conclusion, why not petition Congress to declare this a National holiday, then as the silvery queen of heaven mounts higher and higher, above and beyond old Rockies' snow-clad peaks, still serenely on through the golden gates of California, until she holds court with the Australian stars, in the midst of the Archipelagoes where the human foot has never trod, you may be sure, a hundred years hence the enlightened millions of a disenthralled progressive humanity will join with our children's children in new honors for this great and glorious day.

Coming Wedding Bells.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. M. Vann, wife of Rev. M. Vann was quite ill last week. Miss Addie Streeter is very ill at this writing. Mrs. Chas. Barnes after spending a few days in Nashville, has returned home. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. John Broom to Miss Maggie Hamilton the 16th inst. Misses Annie G. Kenedy and Estella Carmicheal left Monday to enter school at Knoxville college. We extend them our sincere wishes for an immeasurable success. The entertainment given by mesdams Henry Daugherty and Hinton Alexander Friday night for the Congregational church, was largely attended and quite a success. The youth's band, under the management of S. W. Grisham, entertained quite a number of people at Evan's hall Thursday evening. Mr. Grisham among the boys deserves much credit for the short while they have been trained. Barnum and Baily's big circus will perform in this city on the 17th inst. Mesdames James Whitener and Lizzie Reed are quite sick this week. Rev. E. Tartt, brother of Mrs. Sam Washington, left Sunday for Selma, Ala., where he will again enter Selma University. Subscribe for The Freeman through C. E. Newton, our agent No. 403 West 9th street.

Are You too Fat?

Dr. O. W. F. Snyder, who is known personally to the writer, is acknowledged to be the most eminent in his profession in the treatment of obesity. Fat people have been reduced from fifteen to twenty pounds per month under his treatment, which is absolutely harmless. It is not necessary to visit Chicago to receive successful treatment. Any of Dr. Snyder's patients are ready to commend his skill. For eighteen years he has been a continuous practitioner in the specialty of reducing adipose tissue.

If you are too fat and want to be reduced, write to Dr. Snyder, 114 McVicker Theatre Building, Chicago, and tell him this paper recommended him. You will find him a gentleman and a scientist of no mean order.

A Graduate.

Stilesboro, Ga., Special.

Superintendent H. Shelman is a Christian worker in Sunday school, and has aroused the fathers and mothers to attend Sunday school very regular. Miss Carro E. Hayes has returned from her school at Rolland Springs. Miss Hayes is very energetic in our Sunday school. Mr. C. J. Burge is an accomplished shoemaker, Mrs. C. J. Burge graduated at Spellman seminary Atlanta, Ga.

Fair Warning!

Do you owe **THE FREEMAN** a debt of **LONG STANDING** for papers sent you, regardless that we have treated you nicely and permitted you to violate your promise to settle many times? You will be given up to and inclusive of **OCT. 20TH** to **PAY WHAT YOU OWE US,** failing, your name will printed in our **BAD DEBT LIST** now being prepared for weekly publication, that your proper status as a **DEAD BEAT AND FRAUD** may become known to the race generally. **AN HONEST MAN** owing us, will confer at once.

WILBERFORCE TOP-HEAVY.

The Younger Element on Trial—Reviewed by Rev. R S. Jenkins, San Antonio, Tex.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The misery of self-reproach is of the most oppressive and pungent character. I abhor the cold calculating hearts that measure personal interest in pointing out the weakness of the race or church with which they are identified. The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmities; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

There is nothing that so disrobes the soul of its grandeur and crushes its lofty aspirations, as the arrow that drinks up the spirit and destroys the vitalities of life. That fatal arrow is sels-reproach, and the wound which it inflicts can be cured only by a medicine that is divine. To carry in the bosom this corroding companion of guilt, to go with it to pleasures, to commencements, etc., most assuredly when the heart and eye are blind to all but self-aggrandizement, they cannot please.

This fatal companion, self-reproach, purloins the heart of its power to affect admiration; it mocks the eye and contradicts the tongue. When eye and tongue are apparently eloquent with praise, and when all are ready to burst forth in volumes of praise for the mother of institutions connected with the A. M. E. church, there is a desperate plunge after absurdities, "blood letting," etc., which indicates the very weakness they would palm off upon the church.

Wilberforce top-heavy! This is too much for mortals to bear and remain silent. Wilberforce, the idol of all African Methodists, North, South, East or West, assailed by its own child, tortured by the leading journal of the connection, or caricatured by two of her most favored sons; one is urged on in the unholy crusade by the other. We measure the accountability of men by the talents committed to their charge. Wilberforce and its defenders will be found broad and firm enough to bring the haughtiest necks under its yoke or break them with its insulted powers.

If in life's pilgrimage there be a spot upon which the sunshine falls most sweetly, the flowers breathe out their *richest fragrance*, and the vista opens enchantingly, that spot is Wilberforce.

"Like some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Though cloud and tempest round its sides are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

The editor of our leading journal should dip his pen in living light, filling the editorial columns with earnest appeals for and in defense of the church and its institutions, demonstrating the better qualities in graphic pictures that cannot be denied. Wilberforce has done an immense amount of good for the race, and the pastors of our largest as well as our smallest charges should be interested in the welfare of this honored monument.

It never was intended by the A. M. E. church (founded by the fathers through great tribulation and bloodshed) that one institution should be used to the detriment of the other, or that one of our ministers should use his influence to the destruction of his brother, or that one church or congregation should be used to the detriment of another, especially when located in the same city; and all such should be regarded as anti-christian. This being true, the Christian Recorder should not be used to ruin one of our educational institutions, whether it be North, South, East or West.

In analyzing their feelings on this subject, let me entreat the assailants of Wilberforce to pause and inquire whether the line of attack they have marked out is correct and the motives presented such as God approves. Let me beseech them as "young men on trial" to examine the principles which govern them, and see if they are in harmony. If you will make to yourselves such golden idols to show the weakness of your church and school, looking upon the old men with scorn and heaping on them unjust criticism, as you take their places in the church Jehovah and the church may consign you forever to your idols.

You may cry in your afflictions, but there will be no ears to hear; you may call upon them in your dying hour, but your ambition will have destroyed the rescuing hand and the power to commiserate. By such fool hardy ventures many men have destroyed their influence, blighted their hopes for life, destroyed reputations which for years they have been building up, but the thirst for distinction and shouts of applause causes them to venture one step further than their compeers on the awful precipice of worldly ambition.

Alas! Too late! It brought self-reproach; its principles, hypocrisy; often called patriotism, when it is nothing but a desire for office. Sometimes such ambition is called benevolence and interest when he deserves only the terms of pride and supreme selfishness.

Consummated meanness cannot survive long, its days are numbered and its kingdom finished. Earthly renown is not to be despised when it may be irreproachably sought and obtained, but the influence of our church and educational institutions must not be destroyed by its mourners seeking renown by besmearing or exposing our weakness, nor should a man who is pastor of one of the largest churches in the connection use the influence he has gained by being a member of the African Methodist Episcopal church against the interest of the connection, nor should he aid and abet to hinder and impede the progress of one of our institutions of learning, for in so doing he is destroying himself.

"Virtue, not rolling sun, the mind matures,
The man of wisdom is the man of years."

I am one of the young men, twelve years in the church, 33 years of age. I find that respect for seniority and modesty are two of the stepping stones to true greatness, and the young men who would so far forget themselves as to push aside one of these holy fathers, or, as it has been said of the Indians, kill them—spiritually—because they are too old to cope with the younger element in the march, or cast them aside by wordly ambition to get their places, such are devoid of piety, that piety which originates with God; length of days are in her right hand, and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

The editor of the Christian Recorder has no right to force his personal views upon the connection through its columns when they are detrimental to the interest of the church or its institutions of learning. As the Christian Recorder is the mouthpiece of the connection, the editor is to shape the tone of the paper in a Christ-like manner, to elevate the race to a higher state of civilization.

What would ye think of guards left within the fort for protection while the others go out to battle with an enemy, and after a hotly contested siege the army return to the fort, and those within the fort, under the same allegiance, open fire upon the conquerors returning victorious and slaughter them? It would be absurd. Alas! we must exclaim, and thou too, Brutus.

If the editor and our pastor of Sullivan St. church in New York know as much as they have intimated in their writings, why are they not manly? Let them make the proper charges or complaint, bring it before the authority, have the matter investigated and prove the truthfulness of their statement. Come! no "backing down;" "rip it wide open," that "great big chunk of ignorance."

There are some of us who believe that they cannot do this, and as there is no other church in this country that would allow them to continue these statements, without forcing them to prove them, and until this is done we must regard their actions as a conspiracy—mutiny, anarchism—deadly foes to the connection.

If this is the course these gentlemen propose to take to get themselves or their candidates elected to positions in the African M. E. church, they will find some of us in the gateway when they get there with "that old worm-eaten cudgel" to give the fatal "whack" to soften some "hard heads" and they "will break" before the "cudgel."

There is much loyalty in our church all throughout this broad land. There are many who would part with their right hand rather than destroy that which gives them bread. We must call a halt, and unless something is done—(a retraction), or we must get a loyal editor and a loyal pastor for the great church in the Empire state.

The arrogant and the ambitious are inclined not only to make fame the highest object of their desires, and thus overlook their paramount obligations to God and the church, but in their progress toward the dizzy height they are blind to all but self; blind to the fact that competitors they must and will have. They must meet and measure strength with each other and receive through the ordeal of public criticism a formal adjudication of their powers. They will occasionally come in contact with their superiors and must submit to a contest, terminating in defeat. They must sometimes experience the mortification of beholding a rival with fewer advantages and acknowledged inferiority intervene between them and their reward, and before they recover from the surprise the unexpected competitor bears away the palm and wreathes his brow with the laurels that they coveted.

If such be true, and true it is, for there is an ever watchful eye upon us at all times, let us act in harmony with the poet who says:

"How careful then ough I to live!
With what religious fear!
Who such a strict account must give
For my behavior here!"

AGAINST DR JOHNSON FOR BISHOP.

Dr. P. W. Wade Mentioned as the Candidate From the West.

Many of the Arkansas ministers think that to allow Dr. John W. Henderson's article, under the caption "The A. M. E. church makes no mistake in her selection of Bishops," which appeared in the issue of the 20th of the Christian Recorder, to go unanswered would be, in the first place, countenancing an open falsehood, in the second place, be doing a irreparable injustice to the men who have suffered and toiled to make African Methodism what it is in the State today. After stating that each of the Bishops already elected, was elected to represent some phase of our church work, the good doctor poises himself as an eagle upon a mountain cliff, and says "we are now entering upon the newspaper period of our advancement, and the press is the exponent of the people. With a tone that is constantly increasing in volume and imperiousness, a large and steadily growing class (believing newspapers to be the medium through which our wrongs should be rightened, and our soiled linen aired instead of the conference room) is demanding representation on the Episcopal Bench in the person of H. T. Johnson.

We are sorry the doctor overlooks two of the ablest editors (Bishops Tanner and Lee) the Recorder ever had when he infers that the press is not already represented on the Episcopal Bench. Erect another hobby doctor as your favorite can't ride into the Bishopric on that one. Again he says, speaking of his champion, Dr. Johnson, he has given expressions to opinions, which have been echoed and re-echoed throughout the church." The editorial columns of the Recorder have been read less this quadrennium than any period of its existane. A brother told me that he had read Dr. Johnson's adversative "but" and disjunctive "or" so much, he hated to see the two words elsewhere. Dr. Henderson reaches the supremely ridiculous, when he says, Arkansas steps to the front, and demands Dr. Johnson's elevation." When, where, and who were the Arkansasans so impertinent? His election to the editorship of the Recorder was a surprise to himself and a chagrin to the Arkansas delegation, which went into the Grand Conference with the sentiment of a majority, against him. Arkansas demands nothing though she gladly accept representation on the Bench, but Dr, Johnson does not represent that phase of church work, which she wants represented. Dr. P. W. Wade, who is voluminous and versatile, as a writer, eloquent, logical and fluent as a speaker, learned both in theology and medicine, is the man on whom not only the eyes of Arkansas but the entire West is centered. Murchinson, Berry, Carolina and Dr. Phillips, have also been mentioned in connection with the bishopric. If Dr. Henderson wishes to inform the public correctly concerning the wishes of Arkansas, he ought to come at least nearer than 1500 miles. Drs. Shaffer, Coppin and Wade, are the men who will be ordained Bishops by the next General Conference, if left to the will of the Arkansas delegation.

G. D. P. RUCKER
Fort Smith, Ark.

Orange Blossoms.

Huntsville, Ala., Special.

Mr. W. A. Weeden, Lee Murphy, Misses Pearl Pantecost, Annie Gray and Mary McCravey went out to the Normal last Friday evening to witness the concert given by the Miller Brothers, of Fayetteville, Tenn. Mr. Milton Whitten is seen on the streets again, after a six weeks life and death struggling with the fever. Mr. Joe Thomas, of Normal, spent Saturday night with us. Miss Jennie Moore is now Mrs C, L. Jones. They are now at their beautiful home on Darwin street. They received many presents. The Freeman can be found at Jas. McCants barber shop 115 Washington street every Saturday. Mr. J. C. Hobbs is able to get out of doors after a severe attack of the fever. The P. Baptist Institute, a new educational organization, is to open on the 5th, its primary department and its higher departments. On the 15th our old instructor, Prof. W. H. Gaston is to be principal. Mr. R. D. Hunt was in from Normal Saturday.

Spoke on Africa.

Summit, Miss., Special.

Rev. Messenger director of the Episcopalian church of Summit, (white) delivered an able address on Africa at the A. M. E. church he was cheered by a large crowd. He exhibited a Liberian cent, two gold rings made by the natives. The Epworth League or Sunday school congress was held on the 28th and 29th, at the M. E church. Mrs. A. C. Mason paid a visit to Mrs. E. C. Cockerham and her two twin young ladies.

Theory of Kindergarten Methods

A Study from Froebel's "Education of Man."

BY ELIZABETH H. BAKER, NASHVILLE, TENN.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

FIRST "GIFT" OF THE KINDERGARTEN—THE BALL.

Froebel's first gift consists of six soft worsted balls, each having one of the colors of the rainbow—blue, red, yellow, green, violet, orange. They are contained in a box, in which are also six strings. Froebel chose the ball for the first gift because it is the simplest form, nature's type—the one from which all other's may be subsequently derived.

Other reasons for its selection may be mentioned as follows: "Activity is the law of childhood," and "activity of the senses is the foundation of all mental development." Hence, if the proper objects are given to the child, at the right time, in the right sequence and in the right way, the foundation of all future development has been firmly laid.

The ball has the simplest external individuality, is the most readily grasped with the hand as well as with the intellect—the individuality which, viewed from all directions, will ever make the same impression on the child—a beautiful type of that God who is "always the same, yesterday, to-day and forever."

The child's simplicity must be met with simplicity, otherwise his mind would become confused; therefore, the first object presented to him must be a unit, (1) The unit is the starting point in all mathematical calculations. (2) In all natural development the idea of unity precedes the idea of variety. (3) From the simple to the complex is a law universal. (4) The child needs a counterpart of himself, that he may be able to comprehend and appreciate the unit.

Froebel's view was that the babe should not look into vacancy, but rather have some object to fix its attention upon. "When the impressions of the child are left to chance, education can not ensue. The weaker the powers of the child, the more do they require help and support, that is, education." Every game well directed may promote the child's future good; in play, therefore, the first feelings of friendship are awakened and the tenderest sympathies fostered. Froebel did not invent the process of the child's development. He only discovered and showed the way in which the child naturally proceeds.

The ball is the most mobile of all inanimate forms, hence most nearly allied to the living organisms. Its elasticity, too, brings it nearer to life, and hence to the child's sympathy. (5) Again, its softness renders it less liable to hurt the child, thus keeping away dislike or fear. It also enables the little hands to grasp it more readily and lovingly. It lessens the possibility of startling noises, which would interfere with concentration, by engaging the ear too intently when the eye is busy. Its softness helps the child to imagine that the ball is its pet bird or kitty, and so cultivates the imagination. Many beautiful lessons on kindness to animals and love to playmates may be given with the songs and games with the ball. In the little song, "The Horses all Trot Down the Street," the child stops to let his horse rest occasionally. Again, the little ball is the baby and his hands the cradle. He coos a soft little song and steps noiselessly while the baby sleeps. The first object should be a complete whole. Complexity overpowers simplicity. Here, again, we follow the leadings of nature. If several objects are placed before a young child, it will select one and play with that until lost.

Heretofore we have considered the child as having but one ball at a time. If he has had a red ball, next let him have. it may be, a yellow ball. This develops the idea comparison of contrast. Froebel holds that we owe all our knowledge, primarily, to contrasts in the qualities of surrounding objects By these contrasts our attention is drawn to the objects, to their comparison, their observation, without which mental life, indeed, would be impossible, unthinkable.

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NEGRO COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED

A Class in Greek Organized—Society Flashes.

Rome, Ga., Special.

The commissioners of the Inter-National and Cotton States Exposition made a wise choice when they appointed Prof. W. H. Crogman, of Clark University; Bishop W. J. Gaines, D. D, of the A. M. E. connection; Prof. R. R. Wright, of Georgia Normal and Industrial school; Rev. W. J. White, D. D., editor Georgia Baptist, and Prof. T. M. Dent, LL. B., principal of Rome public school, as commissioners of the colored exhibit for Georgia. These gentlemen can get up such an exhibit by our race that will be hard to beat. They are expected to and can interest our people to their highest anticipations. Bishop Gaines' appointment is a fitting recognition of the speech he made before the Committee of Appropriation in Congress. A Greek class, taught by Prof. Dent and composed of the following gentlemen, meet three times a week at Dr. Cains' office: Col. M. C. Parker, Dr. T. C. Jones, Prof. J. N. Jones, Dr. D. C. Warren, Dr. C. I. Cain and B. R. Harris. H. G. Porter, of Birmingham, was here last week. Our joity is alive with visitors this week. Speaker Crisp, of the National House of Representatives, made a great speech last Saturday for organized Democracy. Col. W. A. Barnett, who holds an important position in Washington, D. C., is home circulating among friends.

Prof. Frank M. Hailstock, of Akron, O., is here. Mrs. John W. Payne left Monday for Hillsboro, Tex., where she will join her husband, who has took up his permanent residence in that place. Mr. Payne was mail carrier in this city four years, and was very popular. Rev. Poindexter, pastor of First Baptist church, is carrying on a revival with great success. He is a logical speaker, and sinners tremble under his eloquence. Rome is blest with young doctors, and they are all gentlemen of high standing and integrity. We mention Dr. C. I. Cain, who has built a reputation of honor, and is considered one of our best physicians. He has a nice office fitted up in fine style. Then comes Dr. C. T. Jones, a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., who opened business some months ago. By close attention to his patients, he is pressing his way to the front. He is a dignified, fine looking doctor, and your scribe predicts a great future for him. Dr. D. C. Warren, a dental surgeon, is one we would like to speak of. He being the only dentist of color in our midst, it seems he ought to have all our work. He gets a great deal to do. He is exceedingly popular, kind and accommodating.

The Freeman is on sale every Friday and Saturday nights at Messrs. Hood & Phillips' barber shop; at John Wright's; at Johnson's jewelry store, and by B. R. Harris, general agent. Misses Rosa Bell and Gertrude Thomas will canvass for The Freeman. They are hereby authorized to solicit subscribers for the same. Rate, $1.50 per year, 5 cents per copy. Miss E. V. Taylor, of Spellman Seminary, left last week for Trenton, N. J. Her work here as a Missionary among the Baptist churches, teaching the little ones to recite from the Bible, and sewing, was grand, and her friends outnumber her acquaintances. S. M. Davie left last week for Washington, D. C., where he will take up the study of medicine. Simmie is one of Rome's most valuable young men. F. N. Dozier, former agent of The Freeman at this place, has been sick nearly two months, and is quite feeble. God bless The Freeman for giving us the truth about the school question. One of our daily papers here made it appear that the colored people of Indianapolis were trying to run over the whites, and driving them from their own school building.

A DIRTY, CRUEL TRICK.

Warned by White Caps—A Fair Belle Takes a Hay Ride.

Helena, Ark., Special

Mr. S. E. Emmerson and his assistant, have closed their school at Old Town ridge, Mrs. Scott Morris, of Brownville, Tenn., is bereft over the lost of her baby. Misses Jannie Clarborne and A. B. Grunner, enjoyed a pleasant hay ride prior to Miss A. B. departure to Marianna, where she spent a few days before arriving to the city. Mr. B. Johnson, of Mississippi, spent a few days with his friends in the city. Miss Fannie Moore, of Frier's Point, spent several days in the city the guest of Mrs. J. L. Roby. Overcoats were in demand a few days last week. Mrs. Amanda Kendall is living in the suburb of the city in her newly fitted home she purchased from Mrs. H. S. Hornor. Mr. Dave Amps our leading musician, took sick last week, and is very dangerous at this writing. Mr. Charley Dixon wedded Miss Maggie Starkie, of this city who is teaching school at Popular Grove.

The State of Mississippi left St. Louis, Mo, heavy loaded and towing two extra barges with only five deck hands. She landed at Helena, employed fifty-six men to help unload, promising to pay them $2.00, One barge and part of the steamer was unloaded, when two was unloaded the men were told to go up stairs and get paid. While up there the boat pushed off. Three men escaped—the others were made to take $1.00 and transportation. At every landing these men were held at bay with repeating rifles. Mr. Jason Carson made a leap for liberty at Australia, and succeeded in getting away, but was shot at twice. Ten got away at Pushmataha. Mr. Robt. Henderson was caught and beat over the head with a lantern. A dispatch from Helena had him tied up at as Arkansaw City. Next day the wharf here was thronged with relatives to meet the Kate Adams and welcome their husbands, fathers, sons and brothers, who without warning home were suddenly carried away, but that mass of sad hearted relatives were disappointed, and the air was rent with weeping, Several of the husbands left very sick wives who came near dying with heart trouble. A big suit is being planned for the U. S. court for damages.

A man living nineteen miles of Magnolia, Ark., age seventy years, living in a small hut had a notice pinned on his door to leave that section by January 1st, 1895, or he would be forced to leave. The parties are unknown, but supposed to be white caps. This action by unknown men is not indorsed by the best citizens of that place and the miscreants will be watched for. Prof. C. W. Diskell arrived in the city last week. Alex People fell ill last week, but is much improved. Ulysses O. Grey arrived in the city from St. Louis, last week. He left for Hot Springs, Wednesday. Mrs. Elizabeth Hoard, age 87 years, died at the residence of her daughter, in West Helena, last week and was buried from the A. M. E. church of which she was a member. Rev. G. W. Swan officiating, Willis Owens took suddenly ill with a congestive chill last week. Mrs. Prof. J. E. Carter, accompanied by Daniel, Aron, John, Bessie, her children, Miss Ida B. Adams and Thomas Jones left the city last week, for Arkadelphia. Mrs. Carter goes as matron to the Shorter University, while Miss Adams has a position there as a teacher, and the rest go to attend the University.

Filled His Place.

Motropolis, Ill., Special.

Rev. Stewart left last week to visit his family in St. Louis, and Rev. J. E. Williams, M. D., of New Orleans, filled his stand at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. T. P. Smith will assist Rev. Robinson in a protracted effort at the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Vinegar, Mrs. Lettie Long and others, of Paducah, paid a flying visit to Mrs. Ellen Wyatt on Sunday. Mrs. Louisa Owens, of Paducah, is visiting relatives in the city. Mr. James Lloyd is making quite a change about his place, having turned the old building around and added two spacious rooms. James Leech has treated his resdence to a coat of paint. John Goodman is building a small cottage on his lot.

Personal Notes.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

Robert Armstrong, of Waxahachie, was here Monday. Mr. Sam Adkinson has quit work at the H & T. C. railroad shops here, and is talking of going to Houston. Mr. I. F. Roark has opened up a nice lunch stand, and he invites the public to give him a call. He is there to serve you day and night Mrs. Hattie Lister returned from the South last week, where she has been the guest of her grandmother and friends. The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gray died last week. Mrs. L. R. Dennis was in the city last week attending the funeral of Eldea Gray. Mr Walter Dennis was in the city last Saturday. Mrs. Adeline Gray will leave for Rice, Tex, where she will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Dennis. Mrs. M. D. Moody left for Dallas, Tex., where she will spend a few days with her husband, Rev: M. D. Moody, presiding elder of Dallas district. Miss L. Hart is on the sick list.

THE QUARTERLY ILLUSTRATOR for October, November, and December gathers in a store of summer memories. Through its pages one may live the outdoor season over again with any of the two or three hundred artist to whose near and distant haunts it shows the way. In "Art's summer Outings" Alfred Trumble searches the continent over and concludes that the question is not where the artists are, but where the artists are not; and from the spirit in which he writes, the places where they are not will be considered by him as undesirable places until the presence of a white umbrella endorses them.

Immaculates Celebrate.

Coldwell, Tenn, Special.

Rev. Eli McKinney preached to a large audience at Mullin Chapel on Sunday last. Mrs. Phoebe Ray is on the sick list. Mr. H. T. White went to Fairfield last Sunday. Mr. Burrow and wife paid their son-in-law a visit last Sunday. Mrs. Wallace Burdett, Mrs. John Buchanan, Mrs. W. R. Burrow, Miss Mattie Burrow and Master W. F. Burrow all went on a grape excursion excursion last Wednesday evening Miss Annie Davis and Mrs. Lias Murphy called on Miss Willie Brame, Sunday last. The Mullin's Chapel "Reds" in a game of ball beat the Shelbyville "Browns" 4 to 0 last Saturday.

The celebration of the Immaculates was largely attended by the people from all the surrounding towns. Mingling with us were Mrs. Thomas Hutton, of Chattanooga; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Claybourn, of Shelbyville; Miss Polly Stephens, of Wartrace. Rev. J A. Jones delivered a most telling address at the celebration of the Immaculates last Saturday, in which he fully expressed his unshaken loyalty to and high regard for his race.

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B. Square's Bluster.

The doings of Penn and Quilldriver, Editors, Journalists, Etc.

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CHAPTER III.

A MUD BATTLE.

(From the National Afro-American Searchlight.)

"A GOOD JOKE.

"We always did relish a good fresh joke—a joke not over 100 hundred years of age—and this week we have been treeated to a new side-splitting one, and, not being mean enough to enjoy it by ourself, we ask the thousands of readers of the Searchlight to sit up to the table and enjoy it with us.

"Our esteemed contemporary, the Afro-American Pioneer (and we cannot help saying right here that the Pioneer stands next to the head of the class among our race journals), had in its race items week before last the announcement that one A. S. Penn, of nowhere and everywhere, a much hued Afro-American-wandering Jew, was out as a candidate for U. S. Minister to the North Pole. When we first read it we concluded it was one of Editor Scribbler's jokes, as we could not make ourself believe that this fellow Penn, this outcast and traitor to his race, would dare to have the impudence (we knew he did not have the brains or intelligence) to try to get the position of bootblack for a U. S. Minister abroad. Imagine our surprise when we saw in a copy of the sheet he published an article headed: "We must decline with thanks." We saw it by mere accident. He sent a lot of his papers as sample copies to our barber, who was wisely cutting them up for shaving paper when we entered the shop. The article stated that this pig, Penn, was being pushed forward by the rebel editors of the Morning State Rights and Evening Lost Cause, of the State of ——, for minister to the North Pole.

"Of all the jokes in this age of jokes, this is the jokiest joke of the day. The old Negro-hating reb, N. T. Bellum, the editor of the State Rights, who we are pleased to inform our readers left a leg upon one of the battlefields which poisoned the buzzards and crows, in an editorial in his paper presented to the President the name of Mr. (!!) A. Small Penn as a suitable person to look after his country's interests at the North Pole. Penn's claim upon the office, if we are to be lieve Col. N. T. Bellum, is that he is a Democrat or at least next door to one, having not voted for years. If cowardice and traitorship are tests of qualification, then we must agree with the editor of the Morning State Rights, that this fellow Penn is the right man for the office.

"In declining (?) the honor Penn gives several reasons: 'Until every black man is honest, every woman of color an obedient servant; until our people stop giving ear to carpet-baggers from the North, who are foes wearing the mask of friendship,' this knave who styles himself as champion of the people's weal cannot let personal interest or gain tempt him to loose sight of his client's interest.

"Oh, what a joke! How those of our readers who have the misfortune to know this fellow will laugh! After you have had your laugh out, permit us to call your attention to a few cold facts: In the first place, there never was a true, honest, heartfelt Negro Democrat, and the white members of that party in the South are doing everything in their power to keep any from so being. The Negro who tells you he is a Democrat, if educated, is a knave; if ignorant, a fool. In the next place, this fellow Penn has not backbone enough to even play the knave, for the editor of the State Rights says that Penn has not voted for years. When he says that he has the interests of the colored people of the state of —— at heart, he utters a foul lie; he would sell out the whole race for a ten dollar bill. Did he not, when three men of color were lynched in this town a few years ago, refuse to write a line about the outrage, and when we gave the facts in the case to the world through the press and our office was looted and we were mobbed, did not this cowardly cur hide in the woods for ten days and then come out in a card in an ex-rebel sheet, disclaiming any knowledge of our bold stroke for justice before the common law for our poor people. Why should we, however, expect any race feeling or race pride to be found in the carcass of this fellow, for he was born in the North before the war and we have yet to hear of a Northern-born Negro amounting to pea-hulls. We have in this town and state hundreds of colored men of distinction and wealth, but they were all born in the South; they fill all the positions of note in business and society. What more can we then expect from this fellow Penn?

"Where would he and his lying sheet be to-day, had he not duped our late comrade, Ready Cash, into helping him start a printing office, after robbing the brave soldier out of half his pension? Under Democratic rule the country is fast going to the dogs, and it will be greatly hurried along the road by the appointment of this race traitor, Penn, to fill the lowest office of trust. Let us hope that no such ill luck and disgrace awaits our common country, for with all her faults we love her too dearly to wish her such a fate."

(From the National Afro-American Fog Horn).

"AT HIS OLD TRICKS AGAIN.

"We are trying to emulate the great George Washington in at least one respect, therefore we will not tell a falsehood and say we saw a copy of the Searchlight (what a name for such a sheet) in the barber shop. We found the thing in our mail among our exchanges, hiding as it were in the corner of the mail bag for fear it would meet its just fate. It was full of blue pencil marks, so anxious was Quilldriver for us to see his rot he wisely marked the same so it would not be overlooked. The truthfulness of the old sayings that its "hard to learn an old dog new tricks," and that a "fool will not profit by experience," are fearfully and wonderfully portrayed in the case of Quilldriver. We see from an article in the last issue of his patent back newspaper that he is at his old occupation, trying to stir up strife between the white and colored people of the South.

"He steps out of his usual path, guided by jealousy, to throw corks at us. Ever since he was driven from this state a few years ago by the best citizens of both races, he has been as mad as a March hare, because we have retained the confidence of our people and their white friends in this section. When he read the announcement that we were being pushed forward for Minister to the North Pole (against our will we must say) by the best people of both races, he at once started, at long range, to try to sow the seeds of race feeling and insult some of our white journalistic friends.

"Like most of colored political slaves who are chained to the Republican car by the 'debt of gratitude,' he fails to realize the truth that the Republican party of to day is not the party of Sumner, Lincoln, Stevens and Grant; that all that is great, good and honest is not found in the Republican camp, nor all that is small, bad or dishonest in the Democratic army. He does not appear to realize the fact that we have as much right to do our own political as religious thinking. He only sees the dead past, in which which he lives, moves and has his being, and vainly tries to pull others in the pit with him. After butting his brainless head against the stone wall of political advancement, he turns upon us, calls us vile names and tries to turn our people in the South against us by saying we were born in the North.

"We cannot lie, so we plead guilty to the crime, with a hope that our parents and not us will be punished for the same. Our parents neglected to consult us about the matter, so we were born in the North, but showed our good judgment and a willingness to atone for the same by coming South to this state at the age of 12, where we have since resided and taken an active part in all the advanced doings of our people.

"We are all a part of the common country, a united people bound together by race ties. We care not where our leaders were born, so long as they champion our people's cause, and the fire eater who would try to make strife between the now united Afro-American people will fall short of his mark. One just cause is the same and one in the North as in the South, and the colored people will not listen to the brayings of this brainless ass or any of his class.

"We would respectfully inform this cur of two facts: One, that should he ever return to this state a committee composed of the best citizens of both races will kindly present him with a coat made of double-distilled pine sap and trimmed with feathers; the second fact, that the editor of the National Afro-American Fog Horn has just been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as U. S. Minister to the North Pole."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Elect of Officers—Some Good Advice—Personal Society Notes.

Sulphur, Springs, Tex., Special.

The Cypress Baptist Association met in Greensville on the 19th, ult, with a large attendance. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. H. M. Richmond, of Sulphur Springs, subject, "The Kingdom of Christ." The evening session was devoted to hearing from the different fields of labor, which showed an increase over last year's work. Rev. S. W. R. Cole, of Detroit. Tex., preached at night from the text, "The Model Preacher." He scored the Cypress Baptist preachers to the core. Dr. S. J. Anderson, of Greensville, Rev. N. A. Jackson, of Sulphur Springs, and Rev. F. G. Davis, of McKinney, preached some soul stirring sermons. The election of afficers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: A. J. Wright, moderator; H. M. Richmond, vice; I. J. Powel, secretary; L. Sims, treasurer. The Womans' Missionary Society elected Mrs. C. Shaw, president; N. G. Piles, vice-president; L. R. Richardson, treasurer; Mrs. Brient, clerk; Miss L. A. Ward, corresponding secretary. The Board ordered all just claims paid and had money left to satisfy C. H. Price, Missionary worker. Rev. H. M. Richmond will leave Saturday for Greensville, where he will make arrangements to raise money to complete the church at that place. Hon. C. M. Furguson and A. A. Sims, passed through this city last week on their way home from the Republican District convention. If you want to subscribe for The Freeman, please call on F. M. Stanford. The whites of Sulphur Springs, Tex., have their little tots selling papers, carrying telegrams, and the men pleading law, practicing medicine, going to school learning how to balance ledgers, working the magic keys, catching lightning, surveying the heavens and entering trade that tends to up-build the race, and are arranging to do more. The parents of the young Negro, have their children blacking boots, rolling marbles, chasing base balls, rolling dice, shuffling cards, shooting craps, horse racing, coon hunting, cotton picking, corn gathering, hewers of wood and drawers of water, dray driving, hotel flunking. Yes, and the parents are petitioning the School Board to stop school for these Negro children, to give them a chance to do all this, while the white schools are running right along. Now do you think that we, as a race, will ever amount to much at that? No sir, we must cease all of this and come down to business, all of us. Here some of us have our children in the fields working and we are sitting down waiting until they get their wages to spend for them.

They Celebrated.

Madison, Ind., Special.

The "little city neath the hills" was aglow Saturday, Sept. 22nd, the occasion being the celebration of Emancipation day by the Valley City lodge of G. U. O. of O. F. The lodge of North Vernon came down in a body. Members of lodges from Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio and other points in Indiana were present. The procession formed at their hall and marched to Beroche's grove, headed by Madison's Cornet band, followed by the carriage with the speakers, Rev. N. L. Bray, Messrs. A. Dumas Delany and J. C. Allen, and the Odd Fellows in a body.

At the grove speeches were made by Rev. N. L. Bray, now of Carmel, Ill., who delivered an address to the Odd Fellows, setting forth the principles by which the Order is established, in his pleasing manner so befitting to his nature, and J. C. Allen, of Peoria, Ill., who spoke with fluency, as he always does, to a very appreciative audience. At night a programme was rendered at the hall. Mr. Edwin sang a bass solo; Misses Irene Wilson and Florence Smith, solos; the quartette sang several selections, and J. C. Allen read a poem written by Alex. Dumas Delany and read by him in Georgia on Emancipation day some years ago. In all it can be classed as the grandest affair here for many a year.

The Twelvth Anniversary.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

The Twelfth Anniversary of the St John Baptist church will take place Sunday, (to-morrow). The different pastors of the city with their congregations are invited to be present on this occsion. Rev. W. H. C. Stokes, State Missionary, will be present, as well as other eminent speakers from other parts of the country. The following is the programme: Preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "God's use of the Church in the world," Rev. J. B. Woods, D. D.; five minute speeches by others; paper, "Unity." Mrs. A. B. Fleming; preaching at 3 p. m., subject, "What the Church of Christ has wrought in the last eighteen hundred years," Rev. W. H. C. Stokes; five minute speeches; duet, Misses Hattie and Lillie O'Neal; history of St. John church, T. E. West; select subject at 8 p. m. by Rev. M. Vann and R. N. Counts. There is $400 to be raised. The grand choir of the church, which is second to none in the city, will furnish music all day, assisted by other singers in the city.

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On Sept. 16th, at 8:30 p. m, at St. Paul A. M. E. church, T. E. Nelson and Miss A. B. Brooks were married. The affair was one of the grandest that has ever taken place in our little city. The church was elaborately decorated for the occasion. The wedding march was formed as follows: 1st, bridesmaid and groom, Miss Lizzie Carter and Jas. Thomas; 2nd, Miss Blanche King, Garland Culliman and J. W. Reid, the acting usher. Prof. R. B. Skyles executed Mendelsohn's wedding march. Misses Daisy Blade and Susie King were flower girls, Rev. N. S. Oliver officiating in his usual capacity, tieing the knot in the African Episcopal style. The happy couple were then escorted to the residence of Mrs. Cora Carter, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed by all present until 10:30 o'clock. Miss Lizzie Carter, first bridesmaid, was attired in white albatross trimmed in cream silk lace; Miss B. King, white Henrietta trimmed in white silk ribbons and lace, white slippers. The bride was attired in white albatross, cream lace, flowers and pearls. Miss Minnie Gill was third bridesmaid and wore Nun's veiling trimmed in cream and gold lace. The flower girls were attired in white Swiss, pearls and flowers. The church, which has a seating capacity of 400, was crowded. Both white and black were in attendance and the best of order was maintained. Miss N. G. Tuttle was present, attired in black albatross accompanied with helithrope flowers. The presents were many and beautiful. The couple will at once go to housekeeping in the residence formerly occupied by Mrs. N. Phillips, Mr. Nelson having purchased it.

Mrs. M. Tuttle has been quite ill, but is convalescing. Miss Hattie Lewis has been confined to her bed with a severe attack of tonsilitis. Mrs. Mattie Reed left on the 23rd to visit relatives in Little Rock, and J. W. Reed is weeping. Born, Sept. 10th, unto Rev. and Mrs. White, a 12 pound boy. Rev. White wears a 500 mile smile. Mother and child are doing well. Mrs. F. Phillips has moved to the residence formerly occupied by Rev. Taylor. Rev. Taylor visited his family a few days ago and on arriving home was presented with a fine boy. Revs. Hoke, Rogers, Gordon and others are carrying on a protracted meeting at Mt. Olivet Baptist church and are meeting with quite a success. Mrs. N. W. Oliver and children left for home on the 14th.

Cotton is coming in quite lively at present, selling at 5 and 5¾. The Sunday school of St. Paul A. M. E. church gave an enjoyable entertainment Thursday night, Sept. 20th, and besides the recitations, etc., Prof. Hobbs and other distinguished guests delivered short addresses. Mr. and Mrs. C. Rueben gave an enjoyable entertainment Thursday night, Sept. 20th, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. All present expressed themselves as having had a most enjoyable time. Rev. Hoke, who has been in attendance at the protracted meeting, left Sept. 24th for home. May God bless him. We are having plenty of rain at present. We are soon to hear the wedding bells ring for four more love sick ones in our midst. Girls, observe that the boys have caught the disease to marry. Rev. Brown had quite a large baptising Sunday, the 23rd, on the banks of the Arkansas river. It was witnessed by many.

ADMIRES BISHOP TURNER,

But Thinks He Should Go to Africa and Build Up a Church.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

It has been a long time since I attempted to write an article for your valuable paper. I read your last issue with more than ordinary interest, especially the extract from Bishop Turner's speech, as I am an uncompromising admirer of his zeal and fidelity to our race, believing as I do in the promise of God, Ethiopia for the Ethiopian. Bishop Turner is mistaken, however, if he thinks that he can carry the A. M. E. church of the continent of North America to Africa. He must disconnect himself from all branches of it and go to Africa and build up a church that is African in principal. If he will obligate himself to do this, the $10,000 with which he said he could dot the "Dark Continent" with churches and Missionary points, I will obligate myself to raise that amount in ninety days and $100,000 in twelve months, and build a ship costing $60,000 for the use of Missionaries. I agree with the Bishop in what he says in regard to the physical greatness of Africa. We have educated men and women among us in this and other countries, sufficient to go there and dot her forest with school houses. We have laborers, mechanics and artizans capable of cultivating her soil and dive into the bowels of the earth and bring up her hidden treasures, and to dot her hillsides with villages, and to build ships to carry her wealth to the far West and return laden with nature's bounteous blessings for the sustenance of mankind. There are millions of money lying at our feet to do all of this with if we had a leader capable of cutting lose from all the ancient associations and bid the masses (not the leaders) to stop and pick it up. But the Bishop, of course, will not accept my proposition, as I am not one of those self constituted leaders, although I enjoy a personal acquaintance with three of the Bishops. I have not been anything more than a toiler for my daily bread. I will close by citing you to an incident that occured during the Mexican war, when a Lieutenant of dragoons demanded a celebrated General to surrender. The General inquired of the horseman if he was of equal rank.

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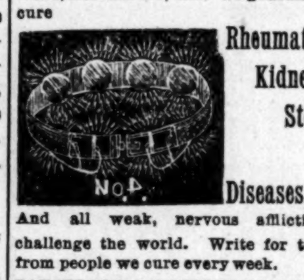

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It seems that Bros. Chavis and Bagby were in blissful ignorance that the thing was "loaded." Never mind gentlemen, you went down with other good men, now take off your coats for victory in November.

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The "News" made fun of the Columbian Club's selection of vice-presidents for the late McKinley meeting. The burden of its ridicule was that the list was mainly made up of colored people and Irish. How things are changing, gentlemen.

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George Washington Cheatham, Esq, has a satisfied look in his eye, and is apparently happy. Sly as it is kept, he seems to have a great pull with the "Lilly Whites" around the council board, and his opinion is allowed to "go" when that of whole plattoons of white shirted "workers" goes for naught. Thus runs the world away.

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It looks as though the Republican Committee, both State and county, had reached the conclusion to allow the colored vote a "go as you please" gait this time. We do not know that clerical positions have been offered to the "brother" in either of the committee rooms, or that the corked up eloquence of the numerous "orators" of color has been to any extent called into service for the party It may be the party managers have had it thrown into their teeth so often that their salvation in the county depends upon the Negro vote, that they have grown "sore" and Pharoah like, have hardened their hearts and will go against the Red Sea, whether or no. Upon the other hand, the Democratic managers seem quite intent on going more than half way to secure a share of "dat black vote." We are told Chairman Manning will in a few days, invite the different Republican Committees to trot their best Negro "talent" to meet the best of the same article in his party in joint discussion on the issues of the hour. In the meantime Lawyer Jas. T. V. Hill will be sent out by the Democratic State Committe on a "stumping" trip in differing sections of the state.

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The following from last week's "People," is worthy of perusal:

"It would seem to any other race other than the colored race, that they had had about enough of political taffy However, the colored voter thinks he can do but one thing on election day, i. e.: Vote the Republican ticket. The colored voter lacks that independence of political character and manhood possessed by every other nationality, hence he votes the Republican ticket first, last and all the time. Last Saturday the colored aspirants for political preferment on the Republican Legislative ticket were turned down handsomely, completely. No recognition to the 3,000 colored voters of Marion county was given; why not? Full well the Republican leaders and managers know the colored voters. They know he has no political independance; they know he will be with and vote the Republican ticket; full well the Republican leaders know that the Negro is a political serf, and hence they are treated as such. The Negro of Marion county is as much a political serf in Marion county as he ever was a slave serf in Yazoo county, Mississippi No power on earth can drive the Negro voter from the Republican party, as a voter; and it is useless to attempt it. It is time and money illy spent when any Democratic chairman of any state or county attempts it north of Mason & Dixon's line. No one knows this better than the Republican leaders The Negro voters of Marion county will vote the Republican ticket so long as that party exists in this country. No better evidence need be cited that the Republican leaders think as we do, than the manner in which the Negro candidates for legislative honors were turned down last Saturday in the Republican convention.

CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Mrs. James H. Williams is on the sick list.

Charles Burris is now a full-fledged letter carrier.

The Freeman is on sale at the Bates House news stand.

Miss Lizzie Sweeney has returned from the fall city.

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George Taylor has returned home from a visit to Kentucky.

Rev. Anthony Bunch left for Evansville on last Wednesday.

J. Milton Benson attended the opening of the Indiana medical school.

Creole Switches on sale at Ladies' department of the Bates house barber shop.

A sons of veteran camp was organized at the ninth Presbyterian church last week.

Miss Florence Anthony has returned home to Seymour, Ind., after a pleasant visit to the capitol.

Misses Parthenia and Kate Woodfork, of Crawfordsville, have returned home after a pleasant stay in our city.

An entertainment will be given on October 10 at the Odd Fellows' Hall, under the management of Robt. Moody.

Bethel A. M. E. church dedication will come off on next Sunday on which occasion Bishop A. W. Wayman will be present.

The grand rally at the Corinthian Baptist church resulted in the liquidation of the balance of $225.00 on the church debt.

Mrs. Thompson and her daughter, Miss Eva, will join her husband, Rev. J. P. Thopmson at Knoxville, Tenn., on next Wednesday.

Mrs. Winbun and daughter Daisy, of Cherebusko, Ind., were the guests of her sister, Mrs. Josie Phillips, 286 Spring street during the fair week.

Miss Maud Bailey recovered the sum of $1,000 in her suit for injuries alleged to have been received by falling into an open cellar at the Halcyon block.

The sacred operatti of Joseph's bondage was rendered at Corinthian Baptist church on last Thursday and Friday evening in five dramatic styles.

Owing to the inclement weather, the great spelling match announced for last Tuesday evening at the Coburn street Baptist church was slimly attended.

An excursion from Louisville, Ky., under the management of George Buckner, will arrive in this city tomorrow morning between 6 and 7 o'clock. A large crowd is expected.

Miss Ida B. Wells on invitation of Dr. Milburn, the pastor of the second Presbyterian church delivered her popular lecture to a crowded house of both races at his church on last Sunday evening.

Charles Hubbard was acquitted of the charge of blackmail preferred against him by Mrs. Horace Heston on last Tuesday before Squire Johnson, attorney Jas. T. V. Hill appeared for the defense.

Miss Mamie Ewing gave a delightful entertainment at the residence of Dr. Morgan, on West Sixth street, last Friday evening, in honor of her visiting guest, Miss Florence Anthony, of Seymour, Ind.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Elwood Knox spent a portion of the week in Louisville on business.

Hon. J. T.V. Hill will deliver a series of speeches for the Democratic cause in the Southern part of the State.

Hon. George L. Knox and wife attended the reunion of his old regiment, the Fifty-seventh Indiana, at Anderson, on Wednesday and Thursday of this week He was one of the invited speakers of the occasion.

Mr. Benjamin T. Thornton, was a recent visitor to the cities of Newark, New York, Boston and other Eastern points. In a personal letter to the editor of The Freeman, from the first named city, under date of Monday the 1st, he took the occasion to say:

"Allow me to thank you for the impartial stand taken by THE FREEMAN relative to that little matter of mine. I think I am only asking what is due me and all good citizens."

We certainly agree with Mr, Thornton as it looks to us. SEE EDITORIAL on 4th page.

Knights of Pythians.

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North Indianapolis News.

Mrs. W. Carter, of Chicago, is spending several days with Miss Emma Miller. Mr. William Austin, who has been very much indisposed for a week or so, is on the mend. The First Baptist Church of North Indianapolis is holding a series of meeting, which has been largely attended. The M. E. Church of this vicinity held their quarterly conference, their communion and their love feast, all of which was carried out to its own honor and glory.

Mr. Walter Cook, who has been traveling in the Southern States for quite a period of time, has returned. North Indianapolis is increasing fast, both personally and financially. Mayhew, the grocer, is having a fine brick store erected on the corner of Udell and Lulu streets. Miss Esther Miller gave a party on the occasion of her eighth birthday, Sept. 28, which was well attended by her playmates and was carried out in first-class order. The Democratic speaking on the 27th was well attended, the speakers being Mr. Splann and Mr. Kealing.

The "Corinthian" Rally.

A most enjoyable time was had at Corinthian Church last Sabbath afternoon, on the occasion of the last grand rally to pay off the debt of the church. It pleases us to record that the object was attained, and at this writing not a cent is owing on their splendid property Quite a progrom was rendered. The Hon. George L. Knox was pressed into service and made a most happy address. The Rev. Mr. Martin has no right to be ashamed of his record while a resident of our city.

An Elegant Study.

The ladies of the Second Baptist church surprised their pastor the Rev. J. W. Carr last week, by surreptitiously re-decorating and furnishing his "study" at the church, in a most beautiful and tasty manner. When the Dr. was led into his new quarters, he was bewildered and speechless.

PROMINENT

Lady Dead—The St. James Literary Reorganized.

East Pittsburg, Pa., Special.

After a few days of illness, Mrs. William W. Payne, the wife of Mr. Wm. W. Payne, passed away quietly on last Friday morning. The deceased was the eldest of the three Stevenson sisters. She was a daughter of Mr. Robert Stevenson. The deceased was married to Mr. Payne, at her father's home on Harvand street, December 20, 1893. Since that time she had moved in social and church circles. She leaves a father, husband and three sisters. Rev. O. S. Simms is still carrying on his revival, and is meeting with much success. The St. James Armette Literary Society elected officers last Tuesday evening for the ensuing term. Mr. H. C. Oliver was re-elected president; Miss F. Harding, vice-president; P. W. Benly, treasurer; J. L Watson, journalist; Mrs. Lewis, critic; Miss L M. Parkins, secretary. During the election of officers G. W. Brown, attorney, presided as chairman, after which he gave to the several officers-elect the necessary talk to make the society a success. Mrs. F. W. Jenes, who has been visiting friends in Pittsburg and Philadelphia for the past four weeks, left last Sunday evening for her home in Chicago. The entertainment given at St. James' last Thursday evening was quite a success. Rev. James Baxdall, who has been assisting Rev. Simms in his series of meetings, left last Wednesday for his home in Lynchburg, Va.

A LUSTFUL MOOR.

Colored School Overcrowded—Burglars at Work—The "Little Girl in Blue."

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Miss M. C. Taylor, who creates such a sensation wherever she goes, is said to be making an appearance at Owensboro and Russellville. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bone, who reside in LaVergne, Tenn., are visiting Mr. Jake Keesee and family. Mr. Bone is an evangelist, and has been taking a tour through the South. William Proctor, who so brutally murdered Edwin Traughber on July 15, will pay the penalty with his neck. Willis Treffey, a desperate Moor, ravished a Miss Berry (white) near Lafayette, Ky. Miss Berry is only eighteen years old and an orphan. The colored school is overcrowded. Mrs. Frankie Beaumont has opened a annex school on Kellogg street for the superfluous pupils. Burglars entered the store of Thomas & Bradford at Cumberland City. The firm offered $25 for the capture of the thieves. The store of Willie Pugh, at Bumpus Mills, was entered Monday night and the robbers escaped with $100 worth of booty. "Side Tracked," the first show of the season, appeared in this city on September 28. The villain, heroine and even the frisky soubrette paled into insignificance in the presence of his majesty, the "Tramp." The features were the singing of the little junior nightingale. Ada Walters, the dancing of Louise Llewellen. "the serpentine winger and ballet dancer, $1,000 challenge to the world."

A supper was given at nearly every church in this city on September 27. Miss Callie Blaine, very familiar in the city, is seriously ill at Dover. Mrs. Steele, who was reported sick, is up and doing well. Jeff Proctor Keesee, a Northington driver, was stricken with paralysis recently, and Lucien Smith was substituted for the deficiency. A fete was given at Gosham's Hall "by No. 2," with Miss Blanche L. Hudson and Miss Minnie Keage as ticket agents. The participants were not disorderly, but played the "Little Girl in Blue." Mrs. Hampton, wife of the well-known fish dealer, has gone to Washington, D. C, and we hope for her speedy return. Eugene Fowlkes and Tom Moore (white). of this city, were hanged at Paris, Tex. Fowlkes was hanged for massacreing John McGuire last February, which was a terrible tragedy. Fowlkes original name was Davis. Ben Collins, Jennie Weeks and Sarah Drane were arrested for disturbing the peace and fined $2 each. A reception was given at Brandon's Hill October 2. Elder Metcalf has reorganized the Twelve Tribes. Henry Buck and Mrs. Old, both residing in Providence, died and were buried Sunday.

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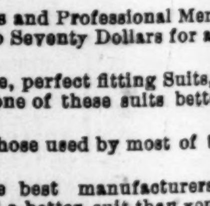

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